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Measures of variability and details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting Bureau statistics are given in Appendixes D and C, respectively, of *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators* (Catalogue No. 1308.0. Previously Ref. No. 1.10). This annual publication also contains historical original and seasonally adjusted data in tabular and graphical form of a selection of the statistics appearing in the Bureau's monthly and quarterly publications.

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Most of the original and all of the seasonally adjusted series are subject to revision.

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POPULATION AND VITAL

| As at 30 June — | POPULATION (a) (^{000 persons}) | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------|-------|----------|
| | N.S.W. | Vic. | Qld | S.A. | W.A. | Tas. | N.T. | A.C.T. |
| 1971 | 4,679.4 | 3,520.4 | 1,881.4 | 1,185.3 | 1,043.1 | 390.2 | 91.9 | 145.6 |
| 1972 (r) | 4,746.9 | 3,577.4 | 1,932.5 | 1,202.4 | 1,070.9 | 392.2 | 96.6 | 158.0 |
| 1973 (r) | 4,793.4 | 3,628.4 | 1,987.3 | 1,217.9 | 1,089.8 | 395.7 | 99.7 | 168.2 |
| 1974 (r) | 4,839.4 | 3,676.8 | 2,046.1 | 1,236.2 | 1,117.4 | 399.3 | 104.4 | 179.6 |
| 1975 (r) | 4,884.5 | 3,719.1 | 2,084.0 | 1,252.1 | 1,146.7 | 404.7 | 89.4 | 190.9 |
| 1976 | 4,914.3 | 3,746.0 | 2,111.7 | 1,261.6 | 1,169.8 | 407.4 | 101.4 | 203.3 |
| 1977 p | 4,955.0 | 3,781.5 | 2,138.6 | 1,277.2 | 1,197.0 | 410.7 | 105.5 | 208.5 |
| | | | | | | | | 14,074.0 |

(a) Revised. See NOTE at the bottom of this page.

MEAN POPULATION (a)
(^{000 persons})

| Calendar Year | N.S.W. | Vic. | Qld | S.A. | W.A. | Tas. | N.T. | A.C.T. | Australia |
|------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------|-------|--------|-----------|
| 1971 | 4,769.4 | 3,519.9 | 1,883.0 | 1,185.8 | 1,042.3 | 390.2 | 92.2 | 145.1 | 12,937.9 |
| 1972 | 4,747.4 | 3,577.3 | 1,933.4 | 1,202.2 | 1,070.7 | 392.4 | 96.4 | 157.4 | 13,177.2 |
| 1973 | 4,793.3 | 3,627.4 | 1,988.9 | 1,218.3 | 1,090.6 | 395.8 | 99.8 | 168.2 | 13,382.3 |
| 1974 | 4,842.2 | 3,676.8 | 2,044.5 | 1,236.3 | 1,118.0 | 399.6 | 101.9 | 178.9 | 13,598.2 |
| 1975 | 4,885.3 | 3,718.6 | 2,084.7 | 1,252.8 | 1,146.9 | 404.5 | 90.3 | 191.0 | 13,774.1 |
| 1976 | 4,913.9 | 3,747.5 | 2,110.7 | 1,261.9 | 1,170.3 | 407.5 | 101.7 | 203.2 | 13,916.8 |

Financial year

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------|-------|-------|----------|
| 1971-72 | 4,717.8 | 3,549.2 | 1,906.5 | 1,194.7 | 1,058.2 | 391.6 | 94.4 | 151.5 | 13,063.9 |
| 1972-73 | 4,771.4 | 3,603.4 | 1,961.2 | 1,210.0 | 1,080.4 | 394.0 | 98.1 | 162.9 | 13,281.2 |
| 1973-74 | 4,816.4 | 3,651.4 | 2,017.3 | 1,226.7 | 1,103.4 | 397.3 | 102.1 | 174.6 | 13,488.2 |
| 1974-75 | 4,867.6 | 3,700.9 | 2,067.5 | 1,246.6 | 1,133.6 | 402.1 | 93.0 | 181.5 | 13,695.7 |
| 1975-76 | 4,898.2 | 3,732.6 | 2,098.6 | 1,256.5 | 1,158.2 | 406.2 | 97.8 | 190.2 | 13,846.2 |
| 1976-77 | 4,933.2 | 3,764.1 | 2,123.2 | 1,269.0 | 1,183.3 | 409.1 | 103.8 | 206.0 | 13,991.8 |

(a) Revised. See NOTE below. For the method of calculation see *Population and Vital Statistics (Preliminary) Catalogue No. 3211.0, June Quarter 1977*.

VITAL AND POPULATION STATISTICS, AUSTRALIA

| Period | Marriage registrations | Birth registrations | Death registrations | Components of population growth | | | Population at end of period (⁰⁰⁰) |
|------------|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| | | | | Natural increase (a) | Net migration (b) | Total increase (c) (⁰⁰⁰) | |
| 1973-74 | 113,115 | 243,658 | 110,179 | 133,479 | 82,926 | 218.7 | (r)13,599.1 |
| 1974-75 | 107,056 | 239,794 | 114,501 | 125,293 | 44,675 | 172.3 | (r)13,771.4 |
| 1975-76 | 103,922 | 231,135 | 110,610 | 120,525 | 21,229 | 144.1 | (d)13,915.5 |
| 1976-77 p | 111,725 | 227,002 | 111,614 | 115,388 | 43,107 | 158.5 | 14,074.0 |
| 1975-76 — | | | | | | | |
| Dec. qtr | 27,572 | 56,827 | 26,481 | 30,346 | 12,106 | 43.1 | (r)13,849.3 |
| Mar. qtr | 28,491 | 58,227 | 24,972 | 33,255 | 2,983 | 36.9 | (r)13,886.1 |
| June qtr | 26,570 | 57,279 | 28,059 | 29,220 | -419 | 29.5 | (d)13,915.5 |
| 1976-77 — | | | | | | | |
| Sept. qtr | 23,919 | 57,186 | 33,423 | 23,763 | 7,232 | 31.0 | 13,946.5 |
| Dec. qtr | 30,997 | 55,118 | 26,208 | 28,910 | 15,780 | 44.7 | 13,991.2 |
| Mar. qtr p | 29,945 | 56,972 | 25,473 | 31,499 | 13,167 | 44.7 | 14,035.9 |
| June qtr p | 26,864 | 57,726 | 26,510 | 31,216 | 6,928 | 38.1 | 14,074.0 |

(a) Excess of births registered over deaths registered. (b) Excess of recorded overseas arrivals over recorded overseas departures, excluding short term (less than one year) movement. Minus sign (-) denotes an excess of departures over arrivals. (c) Increase consists of natural increase, net migration and adjustment in the light of Census results. (d) Census results adjusted for underenumeration.

NOTE. Population estimates shown above for dates prior to 30 June 1976 incorporate revisions following the completion of an examination of evidence for underenumeration in the 1971 and 1976 Censuses. An explanation of the basis for these revised estimates is given in *Population and Vital Statistics (Preliminary) Catalogue No. 3211.0, for the June quarter 1977*.

OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES (a)

Permanent movement — persons arriving with the stated intention of settling permanently in Australia, and Australian residents departing with the stated intention of residing permanently abroad.

Long-term movement — arrival of visitors and temporary departure of residents with the stated intention of staying (in Australia or abroad respectively) for twelve months or more and the departure of visitors and return of Australian residents who have stayed (in Australia or abroad respectively) for twelve months or more.

Short-term movement — all other overseas arrivals and departures.

These statistics exclude crew members, transit passengers passing through Australia who are not cleared for entry and passengers on short pleasure cruises commencing and finishing in Australia on ships not then engaged in regular voyages.

ARRIVALS

| Period | Permanent movement Settlers arriving | Long-term movement | | Short-term movement | | | | Total arrivals | | Excess of arrivals over departures |
|------------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|---------|------------------------------------------------|
| | | Australian residents returning | Overseas visitors arriving | Australian residents returning | Overseas visitors arriving | | Number recorded | Seasonally adjusted | | |
| | | | | | Number recorded | Seasonally adjusted | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1973-74 | 112,712 | 64,297 | 27,212 | 705,352 | 505,854 | .. | 1,415,427 | .. | 73,237 | |
| 1974-75 | 89,147 | 60,239 | 23,615 | 815,930 | 519,549 | .. | 1,308,480 | .. | 38,706 | |
| 1975-76 | 52,748 | 69,224 | 21,687 | 931,725 | 529,656 | .. | 1,596,040 | .. | 20,259 | |
| 1975-76 -- | | | | | | | | | | |
| May | 4,678 | 4,189 | 1,894 | 80,586 | 37,621 | 43,194 | 128,968 | 139,730 | -29,118 | |
| June | 3,720 | 3,617 | 1,794 | 60,999 | 30,073 | 43,638 | 100,203 | 128,544 | -18,736 | |
| 1976-77 -- | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 4,599 | 4,721 | 1,644 | 70,647 | 35,121 | 43,249 | 116,732 | 136,245 | 675 | |
| Aug. | 4,750 | 3,128 | 1,892 | 88,277 | 44,134 | 44,206 | 144,181 | 140,745 | -10,854 | |
| Sept. | 4,468 | 4,737 | 1,891 | 113,465 | 36,053 | 44,577 | 160,613 | 143,457 | 51,580 | |
| Oct. | 6,107 | 5,546 | 1,793 | 97,464 | 46,815 | 44,496 | 157,725 | 142,704 | 50,475 | |
| Nov. | 6,075 | 5,102 | 1,590 | 65,603 | 53,683 | 45,852 | 132,053 | 135,303 | 17,637 | |
| Dec. | 7,662 | 9,536 | 1,775 | 53,602 | 67,371 | 44,451 | 139,947 | 136,965 | -49,765 | |
| Jan. | 6,205 | 5,846 | 3,545 | 135,433 | 48,605 | 45,396 | 219,634 | 142,118 | 56,940 | |
| Feb. | 6,583 | 4,133 | 3,640 | 70,739 | 48,393 | 45,632 | 133,487 | 136,480 | 30,681 | |
| Mar. | 6,357 | 4,067 | 2,343 | 57,211 | 50,641 | 47,545 | 120,819 | 137,457 | -15,630 | |
| Apr. | 6,372 | 3,529 | 2,107 | 56,629 | 41,684 | 47,596 | 110,321 | 138,197 | -27,878 | |
| May | 6,279 | 3,565 | 1,992 | 67,825 | 36,205 | 41,549 | 115,865 | 127,341 | -30,636 | |
| June p | 5,264 | 3,281 | 1,921 | 66,793 | 31,623 | 46,457 | 108,882 | 139,045 | -18,071 | |

DEPARTURES

| Period | Permanent movement | | Long-term movement | | Short-term movement | | | | Total departures | |
|-----------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| | Former settlers departing | Other residents departing | Australian residents departing | Overseas visitors departing | Australian residents departing | | Overseas visitors departing | Number recorded | Seasonally adjusted | Excess of arrivals over departures |
| | | | | | Number recorded | Seasonally adjusted | | | | |
| 1973-74 | 26,714 | 12,699 | 60,636 | 21,246 | 724,107 | .. | 496,788 | 1,342,190 | .. | .. |
| 1974-75 | 20,184 | 11,361 | 72,397 | 24,386 | 824,890 | .. | 516,557 | 1,469,774 | .. | .. |
| 1975-76 | 17,150 | 10,277 | 64,475 | 21,528 | 951,290 | .. | 511,062 | 1,575,781 | .. | .. |
| 1975-76 — | | | | | | | | | | |
| May | 1,803 | 947 | 6,728 | 1,770 | 103,854 | 84,489 | 42,984 | 158,086 | 135,700 | .. |
| June | 1,295 | 702 | 5,171 | 1,418 | 81,994 | 79,904 | 28,359 | 118,939 | 131,530 | .. |
| 1976-77 — | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 1,379 | 785 | 5,555 | 1,371 | 77,006 | 83,062 | 29,962 | 116,057 | 134,701 | .. |
| Aug. | 1,456 | 803 | 6,001 | 1,647 | 105,609 | 81,800 | 41,518 | 155,035 | 137,500 | .. |
| Sept. | 1,161 | 676 | 4,495 | 1,269 | 62,877 | 82,966 | 38,556 | 109,033 | 134,315 | .. |
| Oct. | 1,333 | 705 | 4,215 | 1,286 | 60,692 | 83,665 | 39,020 | 107,230 | 131,180 | .. |
| Nov. | 1,266 | 650 | 5,122 | 1,989 | 58,819 | 81,526 | 46,571 | 114,416 | 130,512 | .. |
| Dec. | 1,632 | 926 | 6,729 | 3,518 | 134,847 | 81,125 | 42,060 | 189,712 | 138,110 | .. |
| Jan. | 1,228 | 987 | 8,705 | 1,874 | 81,163 | 83,734 | 68,737 | 162,694 | 137,700 | .. |
| Feb. | 827 | 635 | 5,017 | 1,099 | 47,722 | 75,342 | 47,507 | 102,807 | 122,006 | .. |
| Mar. | 1,278 | 737 | 5,968 | 1,396 | 76,232 | 72,700 | 50,839 | 136,450 | 131,409 | .. |
| Apr. | 1,249 | 739 | 5,594 | 1,313 | 81,897 | 76,695 | 47,407 | 158,199 | 135,260 | .. |
| May | 1,465 | 819 | 5,999 | 1,544 | 95,386 | 77,940 | 41,289 | 146,501 | 127,460 | .. |
| June p | 1,173 | 680 | 5,391 | 1,420 | 85,490 | 83,935 | 31,798 | 125,953 | 138,593 | .. |

(a) Changes in definitions which date from 1 January 1974 are described in *Overseas Arrivals and Departures*, March 1974 (Catalogue No. 3402.0. Previously Ref. No. 4.1).

NOTE: Minus sign (—) denotes excess of departures over arrivals.

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

CIVILIAN POPULATION 15 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER (a), BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS

| Month | Employed (b) | | | Unemployed (b) | | Total labour force (b) | | Not in labour force (b) ('000) | Civilian population aged 15 and over (a) ('000) |
|---------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| | Agr. culture ('000) | Other industries ('000) | Total ('000) | Number ('000) | Per cent of labour force (c) % | Number ('000) | Per cent of population (d) % | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| MALES | | | | | | | | | |
| 1976 : May | 284.2 | 3,543.9 | 3,828.1 | 132.4 | 3.3 | 3,960.5 | 81.0 | 930.1 | 4,890.6 |
| Aug. (e) | 282.4 | 3,485.0 | 3,767.4 | 144.2 | 3.7 | 3,913.6 | 80.0 | 978.6 | 4,892.2 |
| Nov. | 284.4 | 3,526.0 | 3,810.4 | 144.2 | 3.6 | 3,954.6 | 80.2 | 974.1 | 4,928.7 |
| 1977 : Feb. | 288.6 | 3,552.0 | 3,840.6 | 173.6 | 4.3 | 4,014.2 | 81.0 | 944.2 | 4,958.4 |
| May | 285.1 | 3,439.4 | 3,724.5 | 170.1 | 4.3 | 3,994.6 | 80.6 | 963.8 | 4,958.4 |
| Aug. | 281.4 | 3,525.4 | 3,806.9 | 175.6 | 4.4 | 3,982.2 | 79.8 | 1,006.6 | 4,989.1 |
| MARRIED WOMEN | | | | | | | | | |
| 1976 : May | 57.1 | 1,230.7 | 1,287.8 | 50.9 | 3.8 | 1,338.8 | 41.0 | 1,924.4 | 3,263.2 |
| Aug. (e) | 62.4 | 1,216.2 | 1,278.6 | 51.9 | 3.9 | 1,330.5 | 40.7 | 1,942.3 | 3,273.8 |
| Nov. | 58.4 | 1,251.1 | 1,309.5 | 42.2 | 3.1 | 1,351.7 | 41.0 | 1,942.6 | 3,294.3 |
| 1977 : Feb. | 60.7 | 1,246.9 | 1,307.7 | 67.6 | 4.9 | 1,375.2 | 41.4 | 1,944.5 | 3,319.7 |
| May | 61.7 | 1,246.1 | 1,307.8 | 61.6 | 4.4 | 1,369.3 | 41.9 | 1,925.8 | 3,315.1 |
| Aug. | 65.0 | 1,258.1 | 1,323.1 | 63.6 | 4.6 | 1,386.8 | 41.8 | 1,932.0 | 3,318.7 |
| ALL FEMALES | | | | | | | | | |
| 1976 : May | 67.8 | 1,944.7 | 2,012.5 | 118.1 | 5.4 | 2,127.6 | 42.7 | 2,851.2 | 4,978.8 |
| Aug. (e) | 72.2 | 1,908.0 | 1,980.2 | 118.0 | 5.6 | 2,098.2 | 42.0 | 2,897.9 | 4,996.1 |
| Nov. | 67.1 | 1,952.1 | 2,019.2 | 116.4 | 5.2 | 2,129.6 | 42.2 | 2,912.2 | 5,041.7 |
| 1977 : Feb. | 73.0 | 1,959.6 | 2,032.7 | 161.1 | 7.3 | 2,193.8 | 43.2 | 2,880.8 | 5,074.6 |
| May | 73.2 | 1,986.2 | 2,059.3 | 164.0 | 6.5 | 2,203.4 | 43.4 | 2,871.9 | 5,081.3 |
| Aug. | 78.3 | 1,982.6 | 2,060.9 | 148.8 | 6.6 | 2,207.6 | 43.1 | 2,911.0 | 5,118.7 |
| PERSONS | | | | | | | | | |
| 1976 : May | 352.0 | 5,468.6 | 5,840.6 | 247.6 | 4.1 | 6,088.1 | 61.7 | 3,781.3 | 9,869.4 |
| Aug. (e) | 354.6 | 5,393.0 | 5,747.6 | 264.1 | 4.4 | 6,011.8 | 60.8 | 3,876.5 | 9,888.3 |
| Nov. | 351.5 | 5,478.1 | 5,829.6 | 254.6 | 4.2 | 6,084.2 | 61.0 | 3,886.2 | 9,970.4 |
| 1977 : Feb. | 361.6 | 5,511.6 | 5,873.2 | 334.8 | 5.4 | 6,208.0 | 61.9 | 3,825.0 | 10,033.0 |
| May | 358.3 | 5,525.6 | 5,883.9 | 314.2 | 5.1 | 6,198.0 | 61.7 | 3,841.7 | 10,039.7 |
| Aug. | 359.7 | 5,508.1 | 5,867.8 | 324.4 | 5.2 | 6,190.3 | 61.2 | 3,917.6 | 10,107.8 |

(a) The estimates relate to all persons aged 15 years and over, except members of the permanent armed forces and certain diplomatic personnel customarily excluded from census and estimated populations. (b) For definitions see explanatory notes given in the most recent issue of *The Labour Force* (Catalogue No. 6203.0. Previously Ref. No. 620). (c) The number of unemployed in each group as a percentage of the labour force in the same group. (d) The labour force in each group as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group (labour force participation rate). (e) Affected by industrial disputes.

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES : AUSTRALIA (a) ('000)

(Excluding defence force and employees in agriculture and private domestic service)

| Month | Total civilian employees | | | | Private/Government (b) | | | |
|-------------|--------------------------|---------------------|----------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------|---------------------|
| | Males | | Females | | Private | | Government | |
| | Original | Seasonally adjusted | Original | Seasonally adjusted | Original | Seasonally adjusted | Original | Seasonally adjusted |
| 1973 - June | (c)2,983.2 | (c)2,980.3 | 1,617.7 | 1,615.5 | (c)4,602.9 | (c)4,595.8 | (c)3,315.0 | (c)3,313.5 |
| 1974 - June | 3,068.2 | 3,061.9 | 1,738.3 | 1,735.0 | 4,806.5 | 4,795.6 | 3,470.1 | 3,466.6 |
| 1975 - June | (c)3,043.5 | (c)3,033.8 | 1,709.2 | 1,704.8 | (c)4,752.7 | (c)4,738.6 | 3,315.7 | (c)3,310.5 |
| 1976 - June | 3,006.2 | 2,994.7 | 1,732.9 | 1,728.1 | 4,739.1 | 4,722.8 | 3,305.6 | 3,299.3 |
| 1976-77 - | | | | | | | | |
| Aug. | 2,992.5 | 2,997.5 | 1,732.9 | 1,733.6 | 4,725.4 | 4,731.1 | 3,293.0 | 3,301.7 |
| Sept. | 2,990.2 | 2,997.1 | 1,737.7 | 1,736.2 | 4,728.0 | 4,733.3 | 3,294.7 | 3,299.0 |
| Oct. | 2,987.6 | 2,994.3 | 1,744.6 | 1,739.1 | 4,732.1 | 4,733.4 | 3,299.3 | 3,296.1 |
| Nov. | (c)2,990.5 | (c)2,992.7 | 1,753.0 | 1,742.2 | (c)4,743.8 | (c)4,734.9 | (c)3,307.6 | (c)3,293.1 |
| Dec. | 2,985.0 | 2,990.4 | 1,737.8 | 1,743.8 | 4,722.9 | 4,744.4 | 3,296.1 | 3,293.9 |
| Jan. | 2,981.5 | 2,993.6 | 1,722.5 | 1,750.8 | 4,704.0 | 4,734.6 | 3,285.9 | 3,284.1 |
| Feb. | 2,991.2 | 2,991.9 | 1,741.1 | 1,746.9 | 4,732.3 | 4,738.8 | 3,284.6 | 3,281.7 |
| Mar. | 2,994.7 | 2,988.3 | 1,749.7 | 1,746.3 | 4,744.4 | 4,734.6 | 3,285.9 | 3,284.1 |
| Apr. | 2,987.7 | 2,980.9 | 1,750.9 | 1,745.0 | 4,738.6 | 4,725.9 | 3,278.9 | 3,272.7 |
| May | 2,983.2 | 2,970.2 | 1,749.3 | 1,743.2 | 4,732.5 | 4,713.4 | 3,270.3 | 3,261.1 |
| June | 2,979.2 | 2,966.8 | 1,747.1 | 1,741.9 | 4,726.2 | 4,708.7 | 3,262.5 | 3,255.4 |
| 1977-78 - | | | | | | | | |
| July | 2,968.9 | 2,968.0 | 1,748.9 | 1,744.0 | 4,717.8 | 4,714.0 | 3,251.0 | 3,255.6 |
| Aug. | 2,964.5 | 2,969.2 | 1,752.3 | 1,752.8 | 4,717.0 | 4,722.0 | 3,246.5 | 3,255.0 |

(a) The estimates are based on benchmarks derived from the results of the 1971 population census and other relevant sources. For the period subsequent to the census the employment data are obtained from three main sources, namely (i) current payroll tax returns, (ii) current returns from Government bodies, and (iii) some other current returns of employment (e.g. for hospitals); the balance, i.e. unrecorded private employment, is estimated. Month-to-month changes shown by current returns are linked with the benchmark data to derive the monthly estimates. At June 1971 recorded employment obtained from the foregoing sources accounted for about 99 per cent of the total number of employees in the industries covered, as determined by the census. The estimates show:- (a) based on the Australian Standard Industrial Classification. For further details on these series see *Employment and Unemployment* (Catalogue No. 6213.0. Previously Ref. No. 6.4) published monthly. (b) Estimates for private and government have been revised back to June 1971 following the reclassification to government of certain hospitals and marketing bodies previously classified to private. For further details see July 1977 issue of *Employment and Unemployment* (Catalogue No. 6213.0. Previously Ref. No. 6.4). (c) Affected by industrial disputes.

CIVILIAN EMPLOYERS, AUSTRALIA : INDUSTRY (a) ('000)
(Excluding defence forces and employees in agriculture and private domestic service)

| Month | Manu- facturing | Con- struction | Whole- sale and retail trade | Trans- port and storage | Finance, insurance, real estate and business services | Public admini- stration and defence (b) | Com- munity services | Entertain- ment, recreation, restaurants, hotels and personal services (c) | Other Indus- tries (d) | Total |
|----------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------|
| MALES | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1973 - June | (a)940.1 | 381.5 | 556.6 | 211.2 | 193.2 | 138.0 | 241.0 | 100.2 | 243.4 | (a)2,985.2 |
| 1974 - June | 960.5 | 385.7 | 552.8 | 218.4 | 202.8 | 143.0 | 252.5 | 105.1 | 247.4 | 3,068.2 |
| 1975 - June | 895.8 | (a)393.3 | 549.1 | 218.8 | 198.3 | 154.0 | 268.7 | 110.9 | 254.6 | (a)3,043.5 |
| 1976 - June | 888.7 | 352.7 | 558.3 | 214.6 | 197.3 | 153.3 | 280.1 | 111.3 | 249.9 | 3,006.2 |
| 1976-77 - | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aug. | 883.4 | 348.0 | 556.6 | 213.9 | 194.6 | 152.9 | 280.4 | 110.8 | 250.0 | 2,992.5 |
| Sept. | 882.6 | 346.8 | 556.8 | 213.5 | 196.6 | 152.6 | 281.2 | 110.8 | 249.4 | 2,990.2 |
| Oct. | 882.6 | 345.1 | 557.0 | 213.1 | 196.1 | 152.1 | 281.3 | 111.2 | 249.1 | 2,987.6 |
| Nov. | (a)879.9 | 345.4 | 559.4 | 214.8 | 196.5 | 152.0 | 281.7 | 111.7 | 249.0 | (a)2,990.5 |
| Dec. | 876.2 | 342.1 | 560.3 | 215.8 | 196.4 | 151.9 | 280.6 | 112.0 | 249.7 | 2,985.0 |
| Jan. | 875.9 | 340.6 | 557.4 | 214.6 | 196.8 | 151.8 | 282.5 | 111.6 | 250.2 | 2,981.5 |
| Feb. | 878.7 | 343.1 | 557.9 | 213.8 | 197.5 | 152.1 | 287.0 | 111.1 | 250.0 | 2,991.2 |
| Mar. | 878.6 | 343.4 | 558.1 | 213.1 | 198.0 | 152.4 | 288.9 | 111.7 | 250.4 | 2,994.7 |
| Apr. | 874.2 | 342.8 | 556.7 | 212.5 | 197.2 | 152.5 | 290.3 | 110.9 | 250.6 | 2,987.7 |
| May | 870.5 | 342.1 | 555.7 | 212.2 | 197.5 | 152.9 | 290.6 | 111.0 | 250.7 | 2,983.2 |
| June | 866.0 | 342.9 | 554.9 | 212.2 | 197.4 | 152.9 | 291.4 | 110.7 | 251.0 | 2,979.2 |
| 1977-78 - | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 859.8 | 340.9 | 553.3 | 211.7 | 196.7 | 152.5 | 292.3 | 110.2 | 251.4 | 2,968.9 |
| Aug. | 858.4 | 338.7 | 551.9 | 211.2 | 196.4 | 152.8 | 293.3 | 110.5 | 251.4 | 2,964.5 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1973 - June | 347.3 | 17.9 | 388.7 | 33.9 | 171.9 | 67.9 | 397.4 | 150.3 | 42.4 | 1,617.7 |
| 1974 - June | 370.9 | 19.1 | 416.3 | 36.9 | 185.0 | 76.0 | 428.4 | 164.5 | 45.1 | 1,738.3 |
| 1975 - June | 309.0 | 18.2 | 406.7 | 36.7 | 181.2 | 89.5 | 458.7 | 161.6 | 45.7 | 1,709.2 |
| 1976 - June | 308.2 | 18.2 | 410.1 | 36.2 | 183.0 | 90.2 | 480.9 | 161.0 | 45.2 | 1,732.9 |
| 1976-77 - | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aug. | 303.9 | 18.2 | 410.8 | 36.4 | 183.7 | 91.6 | 482.7 | 160.4 | 45.2 | 1,732.9 |
| Sept. | 304.1 | 18.3 | 411.3 | 36.3 | 184.6 | 91.7 | 484.6 | 161.7 | 45.1 | 1,737.7 |
| Oct. | 304.7 | 18.4 | 414.7 | 36.4 | 185.0 | 91.2 | 486.0 | 163.0 | 45.2 | 1,746.6 |
| Nov. | 304.5 | 18.4 | 419.2 | 36.8 | 185.6 | 91.9 | 488.0 | 163.7 | 45.1 | 1,753.0 |
| Dec. | 300.4 | 18.3 | 420.1 | 37.0 | 185.7 | 90.8 | 477.5 | 162.4 | 45.6 | 1,737.8 |
| Jan. | 296.7 | 18.2 | 410.1 | 36.7 | 186.0 | 90.6 | 477.4 | 161.2 | 45.7 | 1,722.5 |
| Feb. | 298.4 | 18.2 | 411.2 | 36.5 | 187.1 | 91.7 | 492.3 | 160.6 | 45.1 | 1,741.1 |
| Mar. | 298.9 | 18.2 | 412.2 | 36.6 | 187.8 | 92.5 | 497.1 | 161.2 | 45.0 | 1,742.7 |
| Apr. | 295.0 | 18.1 | 414.4 | 36.8 | 187.6 | 92.8 | 499.7 | 161.3 | 45.1 | 1,750.9 |
| May | 291.9 | 18.1 | 413.7 | 37.0 | 188.0 | 93.4 | 500.4 | 161.5 | 45.3 | 1,749.3 |
| June | 290.2 | 18.1 | 414.0 | 37.1 | 187.6 | 93.3 | 501.1 | 160.6 | 45.0 | 1,747.1 |
| 1977-78 - | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 288.5 | 18.0 | 413.9 | 37.0 | 187.7 | 94.4 | 503.9 | 160.1 | 45.5 | 1,748.9 |
| Aug. | 289.1 | 18.1 | 413.4 | 37.0 | 187.5 | 95.3 | 506.8 | 160.0 | 45.5 | 1,752.5 |
| PERSONS | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1973 - June | (a)1,287.4 | 399.4 | 925.4 | 245.1 | 365.1 | 205.9 | 638.3 | 250.4 | 285.9 | (a)4,602.9 |
| 1974 - June | 1,331.4 | 404.7 | 969.2 | 255.3 | 387.9 | 219.0 | 681.0 | 265.7 | 292.4 | 4,806.5 |
| 1975 - June | 1,204.8 | (a)411.5 | 955.7 | 255.5 | 379.5 | 243.5 | 727.4 | 274.5 | 300.3 | (a)4,752.7 |
| 1976 - June | 1,196.9 | 370.9 | 968.4 | 250.8 | 380.3 | 243.5 | 761.0 | 272.3 | 295.0 | 4,739.1 |
| 1976-77 - | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aug. | 1,187.3 | 366.2 | 967.4 | 250.3 | 380.3 | 244.5 | 763.0 | 271.2 | 295.2 | 4,725.4 |
| Sept. | 1,186.7 | 365.2 | 968.1 | 249.8 | 381.1 | 244.3 | 765.8 | 272.6 | 294.5 | 4,728.0 |
| Oct. | 1,187.3 | 363.5 | 971.7 | 249.6 | 381.0 | 243.3 | 767.3 | 274.2 | 294.2 | 4,731.1 |
| Nov. | (b)1,184.4 | 363.8 | 978.6 | 251.5 | 382.1 | 243.9 | 769.8 | 275.4 | 294.1 | (b)4,743.5 |
| Dec. | 1,176.7 | 360.4 | 980.3 | 252.8 | 382.1 | 242.7 | 758.1 | 274.4 | 295.3 | 4,723.9 |
| Jan. | 1,172.5 | 358.8 | 967.4 | 251.3 | 382.6 | 242.4 | 760.0 | 272.9 | 295.9 | 4,704.0 |
| Feb. | 1,177.1 | 361.3 | 969.1 | 250.4 | 384.5 | 243.8 | 779.3 | 271.7 | 295.1 | 4,732.3 |
| Mar. | 1,177.5 | 361.6 | 970.3 | 249.7 | 385.9 | 244.9 | 784.0 | 272.9 | 295.5 | 4,744.4 |
| Apr. | 1,169.2 | 360.9 | 971.2 | 249.3 | 384.9 | 245.3 | 790.0 | 272.2 | 295.8 | 4,738.6 |
| May | 1,162.3 | 360.2 | 969.4 | 249.2 | 385.5 | 246.4 | 791.0 | 272.4 | 296.1 | 4,732.5 |
| June | 1,156.2 | 361.0 | 968.9 | 249.3 | 385.0 | 246.1 | 792.4 | 271.3 | 296.0 | 4,726.2 |
| 1977-78 - | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 1,148.4 | 358.9 | 967.2 | 248.6 | 384.4 | 246.9 | 796.2 | 270.3 | 296.9 | 4,717.8 |
| Aug. | 1,147.4 | 358.6 | 965.2 | 248.2 | 383.8 | 248.1 | 800.1 | 270.6 | 296.7 | 4,717.0 |

(a) See footnote (a) on page 4. (b) Excludes permanent defence forces. (c) Excludes private households employing staff. (d) Includes forestry, fishing and hunting; mining; electricity, gas and water; and communication. (e) Affected by industrial disputes.

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES: STATES (a) ('000)

(Excluding defence forces and employees in agriculture and private domestic service)

| Month | N.S.W. | Vic | Qld | S.A. | W.A. | Tas. | N.T. | A.C.T.(b) | Australia |
|-------------|------------|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-----------|------------|
| MALES | | | | | | | | | |
| 1973 - June | (c)1,104.8 | (c)819.9 | 398.9 | 270.5 | 233.8 | 87.9 | 25.1 | 44.8 | (c)2,986.2 |
| 1974 - June | 1,123.7 | 842.9 | 415.2 | 278.4 | 242.0 | 89.6 | 26.8 | 48.5 | 3,069.2 |
| 1975 - June | 1,102.2 | (c)832.9 | 414.4 | 278.3 | 247.9 | 90.7 | 26.5 | 52.4 | (c)3,043.5 |
| 1976 - June | 1,076.5 | 827.7 | 410.6 | 278.5 | 248.4 | 88.2 | 24.9 | 51.4 | 3,006.2 |
| 1976-77 - | | | | | | | | | |
| Aug. | 1,070.5 | 822.9 | 410.3 | 277.5 | 247.6 | 88.3 | 24.8 | 50.6 | 2,993.5 |
| Sept. | 1,068.5 | 821.7 | 409.7 | 277.3 | 248.7 | 88.1 | 24.7 | 50.8 | 2,990.2 |
| Oct. | 1,065.8 | 822.4 | 409.5 | 277.6 | 249.0 | 88.2 | 24.6 | 50.4 | 2,987.6 |
| Nov. | (c)1,065.8 | 823.9 | 407.9 | 279.0 | 250.8 | 88.6 | 24.4 | 50.5 | (c)2,990.5 |
| Dec. | 1,064.0 | 825.7 | 403.4 | 278.7 | 250.4 | 89.2 | 23.8 | 49.9 | 2,985.0 |
| Jan. | 1,062.8 | 826.0 | 401.9 | 277.8 | 250.6 | 88.8 | 23.6 | 50.0 | 2,981.5 |
| Feb. | 1,064.7 | 827.8 | 404.8 | 278.2 | 254.2 | 89.5 | 23.4 | 50.3 | 2,994.7 |
| Mar. | 1,061.3 | 827.6 | 405.6 | 278.9 | 255.9 | 89.1 | 23.8 | 50.1 | 2,991.2 |
| Apr. | 1,062.6 | 827.7 | 407.0 | 277.3 | 255.1 | 89.4 | 23.4 | 50.2 | 2,987.7 |
| May | 1,060.8 | 821.2 | 407.3 | 276.8 | 254.3 | 89.2 | 23.5 | 50.3 | 2,983.2 |
| June | 1,058.8 | 818.8 | 409.7 | 275.5 | 253.8 | 88.7 | 23.7 | 50.2 | 2,979.2 |
| 1977-78 - | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 1,056.2 | 814.3 | 408.0 | 274.3 | 253.8 | 88.1 | 23.9 | 50.2 | 2,968.9 |
| Aug. | 1,055.7 | 812.5 | 407.8 | 273.1 | 253.7 | 88.1 | 23.8 | 50.2 | 2,964.5 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | | | | |
| 1973 - June | 604.0 | 470.5 | 194.2 | 145.9 | 123.1 | 41.3 | 11.5 | 27.3 | 1,617.7 |
| 1974 - June | 643.9 | 502.2 | 210.0 | 161.0 | 132.3 | 44.1 | 12.3 | 31.8 | 1,738.2 |
| 1975 - June | 625.2 | 487.3 | 210.3 | 159.5 | 133.1 | 46.6 | 11.7 | 35.4 | 1,709.2 |
| 1976 - June | 623.3 | 493.1 | 216.1 | 166.5 | 136.7 | 46.8 | 12.6 | 35.8 | 1,732.9 |
| 1976-77 - | | | | | | | | | |
| Aug. | 623.1 | 493.4 | 217.1 | 166.2 | 137.7 | 47.2 | 12.8 | 36.4 | 1,732.9 |
| Sept. | 624.3 | 494.9 | 217.4 | 166.7 | 139.2 | 47.3 | 12.6 | 35.3 | 1,737.7 |
| Oct. | 626.1 | 496.7 | 217.7 | 168.5 | 140.2 | 47.7 | 12.7 | 36.1 | 1,744.6 |
| Nov. | 629.0 | 498.4 | 217.9 | 170.4 | 141.4 | 47.9 | 12.8 | 35.3 | 1,753.0 |
| Dec. | 622.4 | 498.8 | 216.1 | 166.5 | 138.2 | 48.3 | 12.5 | 34.9 | 1,737.8 |
| Jan. | 613.8 | 494.9 | 215.7 | 164.6 | 138.2 | 48.0 | 12.5 | 34.8 | 1,722.5 |
| Feb. | 622.4 | 497.0 | 216.1 | 167.9 | 141.7 | 48.2 | 12.7 | 35.1 | 1,741.1 |
| Mar. | 624.7 | 498.4 | 216.4 | 170.3 | 142.7 | 48.6 | 12.8 | 35.6 | 1,749.7 |
| Apr. | 625.2 | 498.0 | 216.9 | 170.0 | 143.5 | 48.7 | 12.9 | 35.8 | 1,750.9 |
| May | 624.2 | 497.6 | 217.4 | 169.3 | 143.3 | 48.6 | 13.1 | 36.9 | 1,749.3 |
| June | 624.4 | 495.4 | 218.0 | 168.5 | 142.9 | 48.4 | 13.2 | 36.8 | 1,747.1 |
| 1977-78 - | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 624.4 | 495.1 | 218.8 | 169.3 | 143.5 | 48.5 | 13.3 | 36.1 | 1,748.9 |
| Aug. | 625.5 | 496.5 | 219.1 | 169.1 | 144.4 | 48.6 | 13.1 | 36.2 | 1,752.5 |
| PERSONS | | | | | | | | | |
| 1973 - June | (c)1,708.5 | (c)1,290.3 | 593.1 | 416.3 | 356.8 | 129.2 | 36.6 | 72.0 | (c)4,602.9 |
| 1974 - June | 1,767.7 | 1,345.2 | 625.3 | 439.4 | 375.3 | 133.7 | 40.1 | 80.0 | 4,806.5 |
| 1975 - June | 1,727.5 | (c)1,320.3 | 624.6 | 437.8 | 381.0 | 137.3 | 36.2 | 87.9 | (c)4,782.7 |
| 1976 - June | 1,699.8 | 1,322.8 | 626.7 | 445.0 | 385.2 | 139.0 | 37.8 | 87.1 | 4,739.1 |
| 1976-77 - | | | | | | | | | |
| Aug. | 1,693.6 | 1,316.3 | 627.3 | 443.8 | 385.4 | 135.5 | 37.5 | 86.1 | 4,725.4 |
| Sept. | 1,692.8 | 1,317.7 | 627.1 | 444.0 | 387.9 | 135.4 | 37.4 | 85.8 | 4,728.0 |
| Oct. | 1,691.9 | 1,319.1 | 627.2 | 446.1 | 389.2 | 133.9 | 37.2 | 85.5 | 4,732.1 |
| Nov. | (c)1,694.8 | 1,323.3 | 625.7 | 449.4 | 392.2 | 136.5 | 37.1 | 85.8 | (c)4,743.8 |
| Dec. | 1,686.4 | 1,324.5 | 619.5 | 448.2 | 388.6 | 137.5 | 36.2 | 84.9 | 4,723.9 |
| Jan. | 1,679.6 | 1,320.8 | 620.9 | 446.1 | 386.9 | 136.8 | 36.2 | 84.7 | 4,704.0 |
| Feb. | 1,687.1 | 1,324.8 | 622.3 | 449.1 | 394.6 | 137.4 | 36.2 | 85.3 | 4,732.3 |
| Mar. | 1,690.0 | 1,326.0 | 623.9 | 447.3 | 396.5 | 138.1 | 36.2 | 85.9 | 4,744.4 |
| Apr. | 1,687.8 | 1,320.7 | 623.9 | 447.3 | 396.5 | 138.1 | 36.2 | 86.0 | 4,736.6 |
| May | 1,684.9 | 1,318.7 | 624.7 | 446.0 | 397.5 | 137.8 | 36.7 | 86.1 | 4,732.1 |
| June | 1,683.3 | 1,314.2 | 627.7 | 444.3 | 396.7 | 137.1 | 36.9 | 86.0 | 4,726.2 |
| 1977-78 - | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 1,680.7 | 1,309.4 | 626.8 | 443.5 | 397.3 | 136.6 | 37.1 | 86.3 | 4,717.8 |
| Aug. | 1,681.2 | 1,309.0 | 626.6 | 442.1 | 398.1 | 136.7 | 36.9 | 86.4 | 4,717.0 |

(a) See footnote (a) on page 4. (b) Includes persons employed in the Australian Capital Territory who reside in adjoining areas. (c) Affected by industrial disputes.

REGISTERED UNEMPLOYED (a)

(Source: Department of Employment and Industrial Relations)

| Month (b) | N.S.W. (c) | Vic. | Qld | S.A. | W.A. | Tas. | N.T. | Australia | | |
|-------------|------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-----------|---------|---------|
| | | | | | | | | Males | Females | Persons |
| 1974 - June | 28,957 | 21,258 | 9,537 | 7,128 | 7,782 | 3,310 | 855 | 47,478 | 31,349 | 78,827 |
| 1975 - June | 94,595 | 70,360 | 37,491 | 19,119 | 17,003 | 6,190 | 1,217 | 154,536 | 91,439 | 245,975 |
| 1976 - June | 111,127 | 66,118 | 38,586 | 17,593 | 21,103 | 8,986 | 1,738 | 172,988 | 92,263 | 265,251 |
| 1976-77 - | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aug. | 116,997 | 62,397 | 37,525 | 18,685 | 20,925 | 9,207 | 2,150 | 179,254 | 88,632 | 267,886 |
| Sept. | 117,599 | 60,585 | 36,800 | 18,675 | 19,507 | 9,127 | 2,012 | 177,911 | 86,394 | 264,305 |
| Oct. | 115,662 | 60,878 | 36,446 | 19,037 | 18,962 | 8,901 | 2,104 | 175,926 | 86,064 | 261,990 |
| Nov. | 119,197 | 64,435 | 39,978 | 19,647 | 18,734 | 8,542 | 1,985 | 181,969 | 90,549 | 272,518 |
| Dec. | 138,779 | 78,266 | 49,202 | 25,070 | 23,978 | 10,198 | 2,041 | 218,807 | 108,727 | 327,534 |
| Jan. | 150,669 | 82,633 | 55,147 | 26,658 | 26,335 | 10,695 | 2,452 | 235,912 | 118,677 | 354,589 |
| Feb. | 150,453 | 77,263 | 54,697 | 25,856 | 25,506 | 10,044 | 2,849 | 224,044 | 122,624 | 346,668 |
| Mar. | 141,790 | 72,721 | 51,195 | 24,484 | 24,170 | 8,685 | 3,504 | 208,315 | 118,234 | 326,549 |
| Apr. | 139,911 | 73,223 | 49,484 | 25,516 | 23,451 | 7,975 | 3,629 | 208,791 | 114,398 | 323,189 |
| May | 138,869 | 72,838 | 48,474 | 25,917 | 23,524 | 8,116 | 3,445 | 208,937 | 112,246 | 321,183 |
| June | 140,957 | 77,613 | 48,582 | 27,590 | 25,573 | 8,786 | 3,692 | 217,642 | 115,151 | 332,793 |
| 1977-78 - | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 139,688 | 78,713 | 49,819 | 29,134 | 26,588 | 9,505 | 3,944 | 223,856 | 113,535 | 337,391 |
| Aug. | 137,130 | 79,289 | 47,923 | 29,299 | 26,595 | 9,740 | 4,002 | 225,621 | 108,557 | 334,178 |
| Sept. | 133,640 | 77,568 | 47,712 | 30,155 | 25,749 | 9,416 | 3,972 | 223,122 | 105,090 | 328,212 |

(a) Persons who claimed, when registering with the Commonwealth Employment Service, that they were not employed and who were recorded as unemployed. Includes those referred to employers and those who may have obtained employment without notifying the C.E.S. Includes also persons receiving unemployment benefit. (b) Generally at Friday nearest end of month. (c) Includes the Australian Capital Territory.

VACANCIES REGISTERED WITH COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICE (a)

(Source: Department of Employment and Industrial Relations)

| Month (b) | N.S.W. (c) | Vic. | Qld | S.A. | W.A. | Tas. | N.T. | Australia | | | | | |
|-------------|------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|---------------------|----------|---------------------|----------|---------------------|----------|
| | | | | | | | | Adults | | Juniors (d) | | Total | |
| | | | | | | | | Seasonally adjusted | Original | Seasonally adjusted | Original | Seasonally adjusted | Original |
| 1974 - June | 23,160 | 23,561 | 6,180 | 4,231 | 3,302 | 1,078 | 668 | 48,128 | 51,428 | 14,052 | 22,101 | 62,180 | 73,529 |
| 1975 - June | 8,984 | 7,868 | 2,484 | 2,381 | 2,346 | 823 | 631 | 21,622 | 23,024 | 3,895 | 6,185 | 25,517 | 29,209 |
| 1976 - June | 5,950 | 7,187 | 1,605 | 1,749 | 1,626 | 654 | 423 | 16,735 | 17,670 | 2,459 | 3,934 | 19,194 | 21,604 |
| 1976-77 - | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aug. | 6,795 | 7,205 | 1,958 | 2,034 | 1,795 | 707 | 469 | 17,842 | 18,442 | 3,121 | 4,621 | 20,963 | 23,063 |
| Sept. | 8,171 | 8,130 | 1,985 | 1,919 | 1,936 | 780 | 447 | 19,066 | 18,845 | 4,302 | 5,564 | 23,368 | 24,409 |
| Oct. | 8,629 | 8,135 | 2,137 | 1,956 | 2,147 | 891 | 491 | 18,728 | 18,456 | 5,658 | 5,966 | 24,386 | 24,422 |
| Nov. | 10,129 | 7,735 | 1,950 | 1,917 | 2,238 | 1,013 | 517 | 17,533 | 18,784 | 7,966 | 5,816 | 25,499 | 24,600 |
| Dec. | 12,719 | 7,022 | 1,778 | 1,658 | 2,014 | 891 | 462 | 15,239 | 18,407 | 11,305 | 6,196 | 26,544 | 24,603 |
| Jan. | 11,267 | 10,584 | 2,001 | 1,996 | 3,125 | 1,081 | 334 | 20,428 | 18,246 | 9,960 | 6,286 | 30,388 | 24,532 |
| Feb. | 10,446 | 9,907 | 1,966 | 2,051 | 3,007 | 1,252 | 241 | 20,885 | 18,407 | 7,985 | 6,546 | 28,870 | 24,953 |
| Mar. | 7,609 | 8,145 | 1,906 | 1,678 | 2,616 | 1,293 | 221 | 18,491 | 17,360 | 4,977 | 5,883 | 23,468 | 23,243 |
| Apr. | 6,742 | 7,534 | 1,929 | 1,310 | 2,295 | 922 | 276 | 16,632 | 16,094 | 4,376 | 5,813 | 21,008 | 21,907 |
| May | 6,771 | 6,977 | 1,791 | 1,165 | 1,995 | 918 | 277 | 15,959 | 15,536 | 3,935 | 5,542 | 19,894 | 21,078 |
| June | 6,405 | 6,816 | 1,911 | 1,063 | 1,760 | 947 | 227 | 15,352 | 16,156 | 3,797 | 6,086 | 19,129 | 22,242 |
| 1977-78 - | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 6,557 | 6,792 | 1,749 | 1,125 | 1,771 | 840 | 252 | 15,055 | 16,359 | 4,031 | 6,374 | 19,086 | 22,733 |
| Aug. | 7,041 | 6,661 | 2,114 | 1,482 | 1,972 | 864 | 241 | 15,844 | 16,360 | 4,531 | 6,755 | 20,375 | 23,115 |
| Sept. | 6,802 | 6,609 | 1,932 | 1,422 | 1,959 | 924 | 230 | 14,982 | 14,838 | 4,896 | 6,616 | 19,878 | 21,254 |

(a) Vacancies which employers claimed were available (immediately or would be available by the end of the following calendar month). (b) At Friday nearest end of month. (c) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (d) Juniors comprise all persons under 21 years of age, including school leavers.

NOTE. Sample surveys have been conducted by the Australian Bureau of Statistics in March each year since 1974 to obtain information on the level and composition of job vacancies. To reduce to a minimum the delay in collection of data and publication of the results a quarterly telephone survey in respect of vacancies was commenced in May 1977. These surveys will be conducted in February, May, August and November each year. For a number of reasons the estimates obtained from these surveys differ substantially from the numbers of vacancies registered with the C.E.S. at those dates. For example, the survey estimate of total vacancies at August 1977 was 41,000 while the C.E.S. figure was 20,375. Results of the surveys and reasons why the survey estimates differ from C.E.S. statistics were published in Job Vacancies, August 1977 (Catalogue No. 6231.0. Previously Ref. No. 6.69).

PERSONS ON UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS
(Source : Department of Social Security)

| Date | N.S.W. (a) | Vic. | Qld | S.A. (b) | W.A. | Tot. | Australia | | |
|--------------|------------|--------|--------|----------|--------|-------|-----------|---------|---------|
| | | | | | | | Males | Females | Persons |
| 1975 June 28 | 57,599 | 45,624 | 27,682 | 14,393 | 11,011 | 4,439 | 102,024 | 52,724 | 160,748 |
| 1976 July 2 | 63,361 | 43,638 | 26,494 | 13,148 | 14,554 | 7,228 | 129,788 | 58,635 | 188,423 |
| 1977 July 29 | 112,186 | 54,982 | 34,340 | 24,533 | 19,790 | 7,978 | 176,414 | 77,395 | 253,809 |
| 1976-77 — | | | | | | | | | |
| Aug. 27 | 92,335 | 42,896 | 26,624 | 14,155 | 15,029 | 7,609 | 134,674 | 63,974 | 198,648 |
| Sept. 24 | 92,499 | 40,901 | 26,000 | 14,689 | 14,264 | 7,511 | 139,201 | 56,663 | 195,864 |
| Oct. 22 | 91,168 | 41,202 | 25,459 | 14,858 | 14,228 | 7,210 | 137,682 | 56,443 | 194,125 |
| Nov. 19 | 90,670 | 41,089 | 25,272 | 15,154 | 13,628 | 7,053 | 136,937 | 55,909 | 192,846 |
| Dec. 31 | 99,446 | 45,212 | 30,629 | 17,811 | 15,548 | 7,009 | 153,661 | 61,994 | 215,655 |
| Jan. 28 | 104,542 | 48,137 | 33,572 | 18,346 | 17,020 | 7,397 | 185,210 | 64,205 | 229,415 |
| Feb. 25 | 112,702 | 49,002 | 37,022 | 20,816 | 18,349 | 7,501 | 169,684 | 75,708 | 245,392 |
| Mar. 25 | 111,456 | 45,840 | 36,086 | 19,619 | 16,456 | 6,926 | 159,692 | 76,691 | 236,383 |
| Apr. 22 | 108,018 | 43,583 | 34,274 | 19,191 | n.a. | 6,575 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| May 20 | 110,492 | n.a. | 34,350 | n.a. | 16,489 | 6,534 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| 1977-78 — | | | | | | | | | |
| July 1 | 111,703 | n.a. | 33,592 | 23,494 | 18,942 | 7,078 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| July 29 | 112,186 | 54,982 | 34,340 | 24,533 | 19,790 | 7,978 | 176,414 | 77,395 | 253,809 |
| Aug. 26 | 111,505 | 57,256 | 33,710 | 25,268 | 19,207 | 7,917 | 179,604 | 75,259 | 254,863 |
| Sep. 23 | 106,696 | 54,669 | 33,500 | 25,890 | 20,713 | 8,083 | 177,668 | 71,883 | 249,551 |

PERSONS ON SICKNESS AND SPECIAL BENEFITS: AUSTRALIA
(Source : Department of Social Security)

| Date | Sickness | Special | |
|--------------|----------|----------|-------------|
| | | Ordinary | Migrant (c) |
| 1975 June 28 | 25,478 | 5,552 | 49 |
| 1976 July 2 | 30,468 | 7,224 | 209 |
| 1977 July 29 | 35,102 | 9,315 | 169 |
| 1976-77 — | | | |
| Aug. 27 | 32,863 | 7,444 | 169 |
| Sept. 24 | 32,302 | 7,494 | 85 |
| Oct. 22 | 33,583 | 7,780 | 64 |
| Nov. 19 | 33,762 | 7,814 | 60 |
| Dec. 31 | 30,417 | 7,435 | 44 |
| Jan. 28 | 31,728 | 8,247 | 72 |
| Feb. 25 | 32,180 | 8,136 | 156 |
| Mar. 25 | 32,836 | 8,521 | 244 |
| Apr. 22 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| May 20 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| 1977-78 — | | | |
| July 1 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| July 29 | 35,102 | 9,315 | 169 |
| Aug. 26 | 35,929 | 9,481 | 176 |
| Sep. 23 | 35,665 | 9,179 | 210 |

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Is Australian Government centres or hostels awaiting their first placement in employment in Australia.

INTERNAL TRADE

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES (a) (\$ million)

Retail sales figures in the table below relate principally to sales to the final consumer of new and used goods for personal and household purposes. The series covers retail sales by all establishments included in the Australian Standard Industrial Classification subdivision 48 except motor establishments, bread and milk vendors, footwear repairers and household electrical appliance repairers. The following establishments are also included: cafes and restaurants, licensed hotels, motels and wine saloons, licensed clubs and hairdressers. The estimates are obtained from a survey based on the 1973-74 Census of Retail Establishments. For further explanation see *Retail Sales of Goods* (Catalogue No. 8503.0. Previously Ref. No. 11.4) March quarter 1977.

| Period | Commodity groups | | | | | | | | | | | Total (excl. motor vehicles, etc.) | |
|----------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------|------------------------|----------------------|----------|--------------|----------------------|-----------|-----------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| | Groceries (b) | Butchers' meat | Other food (c) | Beer, wine and spirits | Clothing and drapery | Footwear | Hardware (d) | Electrical goods (e) | Furniture | Chemists' goods | Newspapers, books and stationery | | Other goods (f) |
| ORIGINAL | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1974-75 | 2,647.7 | 1,040.8 | 1,633.4 | 2,075.3 | 2,589.7 | 395.6 | 652.9 | 1,360.1 | 925.4 | 893.7 | 587.3 | 1,413.2 | 16,215.3 |
| 1975-76 | 3,145.8 | 1,107.3 | 1,844.8 | 2,525.4 | 2,897.1 | 448.9 | 758.4 | 1,724.2 | 1,067.5 | 1,043.8 | 679.0 | 1,640.2 | 18,882.4 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1975-76 — | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mar. qtr | 772.8 | 272.2 | 464.7 | 649.7 | 604.4 | 99.9 | 169.1 | 385.2 | 238.7 | 250.6 | 176.6 | 380.1 | 4,464.0 |
| June qtr | 818.7 | 284.8 | 479.0 | 632.1 | 804.5 | 121.7 | 178.4 | 442.8 | 270.8 | 262.1 | 165.2 | 393.5 | 4,833.6 |
| 1976-77 — | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. qtr | 866.4 | 301.9 | 488.2 | 650.3 | 753.9 | 115.2 | 179.3 | 476.7 | 294.7 | 270.3 | 172.9 | 412.6 | 4,982.4 |
| Dec. qtr | 978.5 | 322.8 | 549.8 | 782.8 | 921.5 | 137.7 | 275.0 | 577.4 | 337.7 | 317.5 | 212.4 | 566.2 | 5,979.3 |
| Mar. qtr | 897.6 | 306.2 | 519.5 | 715.9 | 677.9 | 112.2 | 186.2 | 422.5 | 264.7 | 262.4 | 202.4 | 418.1 | 4,985.6 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SEASONALLY ADJUSTED | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1975-76 — | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mar. qtr | 796.0 | 280.3 | 467.9 | 637.7 | 723.9 | 114.8 | 189.8 | 423.9 | 270.5 | 265.5 | 171.4 | 415.1 | 4,750.2 |
| June qtr | 833.0 | 281.8 | 489.1 | 672.5 | 756.6 | 116.1 | 196.7 | 459.6 | 277.3 | 273.1 | 176.5 | 428.1 | 4,958.2 |
| 1976-77 — | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. qtr | 871.7 | 297.2 | 496.6 | 691.5 | 777.8 | 118.1 | 196.5 | 496.8 | 284.1 | 277.3 | 185.2 | 433.5 | 5,120.8 |
| Dec. qtr | 919.2 | 317.4 | 518.4 | 706.3 | 804.8 | 123.6 | 210.5 | 491.4 | 303.8 | 279.3 | 190.5 | 461.8 | 5,329.5 |
| Mar. qtr | 936.7 | 320.9 | 531.0 | 709.8 | 819.8 | 129.7 | 212.0 | 470.4 | 302.6 | 282.7 | 199.9 | 462.2 | 5,375.8 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MONTHLY ESTIMATES | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total (excluding motor vehicles, etc.) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Period | Original | Seasonally adjusted | Period | Original | Seasonally adjusted | | | | | | | | |
| 1976-77 — | | | 1976-77 — | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aug. | 1,641.8 | 1,709.4 | Mar. | 1,760.9 | 1,815.5 | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. | 1,678.3 | 1,729.0 | Apr. p | 1,754.0 | 1,802.0 | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. | 1,726.8 | 1,719.9 | May p | 1,878.0 | 1,868.0 | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. | 1,828.5 | 1,765.1 | June p | 1,799.0 | 1,876.0 | | | | | | | | |
| Dec. | 2,424.0 | 1,806.2 | 1977-78 — | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan. | 1,631.9 | 1,766.3 | July p | 1,801.0 | 1,878.0 | | | | | | | | |
| Feb. | 1,592.8 | 1,805.5 | Aug. p | 1,866.0 | 1,902.0 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Sept. p | 1,885.0 | 1,919.0 | | | | | | | | |

(a) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. Series based on 1973-74 Retail Census. (b) Includes bacon, butter, etc. (c) Includes fresh fruit and vegetables, confectionery, soft drinks, ice cream, cakes, pastry, cooked provisions, fish, etc., but excludes some delivered milk and bread. (d) Excludes basic building materials, builders' hardware and supplies such as tools of trade, paint, etc. (e) Includes radios, television and accessories, musical instruments, domestic refrigerators, etc. (f) Includes tobacco, cigarettes, etc., sporting goods, etc., but excludes grain and produce and business machines.

NOTE. Figures from September quarter 1975 are subject to revision when more precise information is available relating to trading by new businesses.

INSTALMENT CREDIT FOR RETAIL SALES (\$ million)

The following statistics cover all types of schemes which relate primarily to the financing of retail sales of consumer goods and in which repayment is made by regular predetermined instalments. Types of schemes covered include hire purchase, time payment, budget account and personal loans relating to financing of retail sales of goods.

| Period | Amount financed during period (excluding hiring charges, interest, insurance, etc.) | | | Cash collections and other liquidations of balances during period | Balances outstanding at end of period (including hiring charge, etc.) |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | Motor vehicles, etc | Household and personal goods | Total | | |
| FINANCE COMPANIES | | | | | |
| 1976-77: July | 180.2 | 36.5 | 130.7 | 150.9 | 2,297.7 |
| Aug. | 98.0 | 26.7 | 124.7 | 148.8 | 2,329.0 |
| Sept. | 101.3 | 26.9 | 128.2 | 149.6 | 2,362.3 |
| Oct. | 98.7 | 32.0 | 130.7 | 146.9 | 2,401.2 |
| Nov. | 102.6 | 33.1 | 135.8 | 155.9 | 2,438.1 |
| Dec. | 107.6 | 37.1 | 144.7 | 147.9 | 2,491.7 |
| Jan. | 91.2 | 28.0 | 119.2 | 134.1 | 2,520.9 |
| Feb. | 96.1 | 22.3 | 118.4 | 154.9 | 2,541.6 |
| Mar. | 109.1 | 26.0 | 135.1 | 177.2 | 2,555.1 |
| Apr. | 92.5 | 25.6 | 118.1 | 146.4 | 2,577.9 |
| May | 105.7 | 30.0 | 135.7 | 169.0 | 2,602.8 |
| June | 106.9 | 28.0 | 134.9 | 163.1 | 2,636.6 |
| 1977-78: July | 101.0 | 24.4 | 127.5 | 157.5 | 2,661.4 |
| Aug. | 109.5 | 25.1 | 134.7 | 169.9 | 2,683.5 |
| States, August 1977 - | | | | | |
| N.S.W. | 35.7 | 11.2 | 46.9 | 57.2 | 930.1 |
| Vic. | 25.3 | 4.9 | 30.2 | 37.5 | 587.4 |
| Qld. | 16.9 | 4.4 | 21.4 | 28.7 | 468.9 |
| S.A. | 10.4 | 1.3 | 11.8 | (a) 18.4 | (a) 270.4 |
| W.A. | 12.5 | 1.9 | 14.4 | 16.7 | 263.6 |
| Tas. | 5.0 | 0.6 | 5.6 | 7.2 | 99.4 |
| N.T. | 1.1 | 0.1 | 1.2 | (b) | (b) |
| A.C.T. | 2.8 | 0.6 | 3.3 | 4.2 | 66.8 |
| OTHER BUSINESSES | | | | | |
| 1976-77: July | 0.6 | 22.6 | 23.2 | 24.0 | 174.0 |
| Aug. | 0.6 | 20.7 | 21.3 | 23.9 | 173.6 |
| Sept. | 0.6 | 20.2 | 20.8 | 23.6 | 172.8 |
| Oct. | 0.6 | 21.7 | 22.3 | 23.9 | 173.6 |
| Nov. | 0.6 | 22.4 | 23.0 | 23.4 | 175.3 |
| Dec. | 0.7 | 29.3 | 30.0 | 23.7 | 183.9 |
| Jan. | 0.2 | 16.3 | 16.7 | 22.0 | 180.5 |
| Feb. | 0.1 | 18.3 | 18.4 | 26.2 | 174.5 |
| Mar. | 0.1 | 20.5 | 20.6 | 27.0 | 170.0 |
| Apr. | 0.1 | 19.3 | 19.4 | 24.9 | 166.2 |
| May | 0.1 | 21.4 | 21.5 | 26.1 | 163.8 |
| June | 0.1 | 21.4 | 21.5 | 25.6 | 161.8 |
| 1977-78: July | -- | 22.0 | 22.0 | 23.5 | 160.8 |
| Aug. | 0.1 | 21.1 | 21.2 | 23.4 | 160.7 |
| States, August 1977 - | | | | | |
| N.S.W. | -- | 5.7 | 5.7 | 6.2 | 48.7 |
| Vic. | -- | 7.6 | 7.6 | 8.1 | 49.0 |
| Qld. | -- | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.6 | 15.7 |
| S.A. | -- | 2.1 | 2.1 | (a) 3.6 | (a) 28.1 |
| W.A. | -- | 2.0 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 15.2 |
| Tas. | -- | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 3.7 |
| N.T. | -- | -- | -- | (b) | (b) |
| A.C.T. | -- | -- | -- | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| ALL BUSINESSES | | | | | |
| 1976-77: July | 180.8 | 59.1 | 153.9 | 174.9 | 2,471.7 |
| Aug. | 98.6 | 47.4 | 146.0 | 173.6 | 2,502.5 |
| Sept. | 101.9 | 47.0 | 148.9 | 173.4 | 2,534.8 |
| Oct. | 99.3 | 52.3 | 153.1 | 169.7 | 2,574.8 |
| Nov. | 103.2 | 55.6 | 158.8 | 179.4 | 2,613.6 |
| Dec. | 108.2 | 66.4 | 174.7 | 171.7 | 2,675.6 |
| Jan. | 91.4 | 38.5 | 129.9 | 156.1 | 2,701.4 |
| Feb. | 96.2 | 40.6 | 136.8 | 161.1 | 2,716.1 |
| Mar. | 109.2 | 46.5 | 155.7 | 204.1 | 2,725.1 |
| Apr. | 92.6 | 46.9 | 139.5 | 171.3 | 2,744.0 |
| May | 105.8 | 51.4 | 157.2 | 195.1 | 2,766.6 |
| June | 107.0 | 49.1 | 156.4 | 188.7 | 2,798.4 |
| 1977-78: July | 101.1 | 48.4 | 149.5 | 181.3 | 2,822.2 |
| Aug. | 109.6 | 46.2 | 155.8 | 193.3 | 2,844.1 |
| States, August 1977 - | | | | | |
| N.S.W. | 35.7 | 16.9 | 52.6 | 63.4 | 978.8 |
| Vic. | 25.3 | 12.4 | 37.9 | 45.6 | 626.4 |
| Qld. | 16.9 | 6.6 | 23.5 | 31.3 | 481.6 |
| S.A. | 10.4 | 4.4 | 14.8 | (a) 22.0 | (a) 296.6 |
| W.A. | 12.5 | 3.9 | 16.4 | 19.0 | 278.8 |
| Tas. | 5.0 | 1.1 | 6.1 | 7.7 | 103.0 |
| N.T. | 1.1 | 0.1 | 1.2 | (b) | (b) |
| A.C.T. | 2.8 | 0.6 | 3.4 | 4.3 | 67.0 |

(a) Includes Northern Territory. (b) Not available separately for publication; included in South Australia.

OVERSEAS TRADE

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : ECONOMIC CLASS
(£ million)

Producers' materials for use in -

Manufacturing

| Period | Building and construction | | Rural industries | | Motor vehicle assembly (a) (b) | | Other (c) | | Total (c) | | Fuels and lubricants (d) | | Auxiliary aids to production (e) | | Munitions and war stores | |
|-----------------|---------------------------|-----|------------------|-----|--------------------------------|-----|----------------|------|-----------|------|--------------------------|-----|----------------------------------|-----|--------------------------|-----|
| | Class I.A | % | Class I.B | % | Class I.C(5) | % | Class I.C(1-4) | % | Class I. | % | Class II. | % | Class III. | % | Class VII. | % |
| 1974-75 | 239.0 | 3.0 | 115.2 | 1.4 | 413.5 | 5.2 | 2,511.7 | 31.6 | 3,279.4 | 41.2 | 234.3 | 2.9 | 156.2 | 2.0 | 47.3 | 0.6 |
| 1975-76 | 249.4 | 3.1 | 87.2 | 1.1 | 515.1 | 6.3 | 2,441.6 | 29.9 | 3,293.4 | 40.4 | 282.6 | 3.5 | 156.1 | 1.9 | 68.5 | 0.8 |
| 1976-77 p | 342.6 | 3.3 | 88.0 | 0.9 | 636.7 | 6.2 | 3,166.4 | 30.7 | 4,233.7 | 41.0 | 341.2 | 3.3 | 86.3 | 0.8 | 116.4 | 1.1 |
| 1976-77 (f) p - | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 21.9 | 2.7 | 5.3 | 0.7 | 57.3 | 7.1 | 275.9 | 34.3 | 360.8 | 44.9 | 40.7 | 5.1 | 9.1 | 1.1 | 5.1 | 0.6 |
| Aug. | 26.6 | 3.1 | 6.3 | 0.8 | 64.3 | 7.6 | 260.1 | 30.6 | 337.5 | 42.1 | 18.1 | 2.1 | 6.7 | 0.8 | 5.9 | 0.7 |
| Sept. | 24.9 | 3.3 | 8.7 | 1.2 | 46.3 | 6.2 | 241.6 | 32.4 | 321.8 | 43.2 | 17.7 | 2.4 | 6.3 | 0.8 | 4.8 | 0.6 |
| Oct. | 25.1 | 3.3 | 6.7 | 0.9 | 42.2 | 5.6 | 235.8 | 31.2 | 309.9 | 41.0 | 18.6 | 2.5 | 6.0 | 0.8 | 4.0 | 0.5 |
| Nov. | 30.7 | 3.5 | 4.9 | 0.6 | 50.5 | 5.8 | 270.0 | 31.0 | 356.3 | 40.9 | 23.3 | 2.7 | 7.6 | 0.9 | 9.8 | 1.1 |
| Dec. | 29.9 | 3.9 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 44.5 | 5.8 | 217.5 | 28.4 | 296.7 | 38.7 | 21.6 | 2.8 | 6.9 | 0.9 | 11.3 | 1.5 |
| Jan. | 32.6 | 3.7 | 8.3 | 0.9 | 48.2 | 5.5 | 256.0 | 29.1 | 345.3 | 39.3 | 32.2 | 3.7 | 6.4 | 0.7 | 10.8 | 1.2 |
| Feb. | 27.3 | 3.0 | 14.4 | 1.6 | 56.8 | 6.2 | 265.9 | 29.3 | 365.5 | 40.2 | 39.0 | 4.3 | 8.3 | 0.9 | 5.7 | 0.6 |
| Mar. | 34.2 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 0.4 | 54.3 | 5.6 | 277.9 | 28.6 | 372.4 | 38.4 | 41.9 | 4.1 | 7.5 | 0.8 | 10.2 | 1.1 |
| Apr. | 29.9 | 3.4 | 6.8 | 0.8 | 56.0 | 6.4 | 268.9 | 30.6 | 361.9 | 41.1 | 37.3 | 4.2 | 6.7 | 0.8 | 6.4 | 0.7 |
| May | 27.1 | 2.8 | 9.7 | 1.0 | 61.5 | 6.4 | 321.6 | 33.2 | 421.5 | 43.5 | 25.1 | 2.4 | 7.4 | 0.8 | 11.7 | 1.2 |
| June | 32.3 | 3.5 | 8.6 | 0.9 | 54.8 | 5.9 | 273.8 | 29.5 | 369.5 | 39.8 | 25.7 | 2.8 | 7.2 | 0.8 | 30.5 | 3.3 |
| 1977-78 p - | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 26.4 | 2.8 | 6.3 | 0.7 | 51.6 | 5.6 | 311.3 | 33.5 | 395.7 | 42.6 | 27.2 | 2.9 | 7.5 | 0.8 | 4.2 | 0.5 |
| August | 27.4 | 2.7 | 13.9 | 1.4 | 58.5 | 5.8 | 292.8 | 29.3 | 392.6 | 39.2 | 22.1 | 2.2 | 6.9 | 0.7 | 4.7 | 0.5 |

Capital equipment

Transport equipment

Finished consumer goods

Total imports

| Period | Producers' equipment | | Complete road vehicles and assembled chassis (g) | | Railway equipment, vessels and civil aircraft Class V.A,C,D | | Food, beverages and tobacco Class V.I.A,B,C | | Clothing and accessories | | All other (h) | | Total (h) | | Total imports of merchandise | | Seasonally adjusted (i) | |
|-----------------|----------------------|------|--------------------------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------------------|-----|--------------------------|-----|---------------|------|-----------|------|------------------------------|--------|-------------------------|-----|
| | Class IV. | % | Class V.B | % | V.A,C,D | % | V.I.A,B,C | % | Class V.LD | % | Class V.I.E-J | % | Class VI. | % | Original | % | Original | % |
| 1974-75 | 1,674.8 | 21.0 | 526.5 | 6.6 | 144.4 | 1.8 | 280.5 | 3.5 | 233.0 | 2.9 | 1,384.2 | 17.4 | 1,897.7 | 23.8 | 7,961 | 8,080 | .. | .. |
| 1975-76 | 1,685.4 | 20.7 | 502.9 | 6.2 | 114.1 | 1.4 | 287.7 | 3.5 | 243.2 | 3.0 | 1,524.0 | 18.7 | 2,054.8 | 25.2 | 8,158 | 8,240 | .. | .. |
| 1976-77 p | 2,087.0 | 20.2 | 701.1 | 6.8 | 132.5 | 1.3 | 450.0 | 4.4 | 307.4 | 3.0 | 1,873.5 | 18.1 | 2,630.9 | 25.5 | 10,329 | 10,410 | .. | .. |
| 1976-77 (f) p - | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 152.7 | 19.0 | 44.9 | 5.6 | 11.5 | 1.4 | 28.3 | 3.5 | 21.8 | 2.7 | 129.2 | 16.1 | 179.3 | 22.3 | 804.0 | 810 | 772 | 772 |
| Aug. | 170.7 | 20.1 | 57.2 | 6.7 | 8.6 | 1.0 | 34.0 | 4.0 | 27.7 | 3.2 | 163.8 | 19.3 | 225.6 | 26.5 | 850.1 | 855 | 805 | 805 |
| Sept. | 139.9 | 18.8 | 43.0 | 5.8 | 7.2 | 1.0 | 30.1 | 4.0 | 24.5 | 3.3 | 149.7 | 20.1 | 204.3 | 27.4 | 744.7 | 790 | 724 | 724 |
| Oct. | 148.6 | 19.6 | 32.9 | 7.0 | 11.9 | 1.6 | 31.5 | 4.2 | 19.0 | 2.5 | 154.2 | 20.4 | 204.7 | 27.1 | 756.4 | 761 | 763 | 763 |
| Nov. | 165.9 | 19.0 | 62.0 | 7.1 | 15.1 | 1.7 | 38.2 | 4.4 | 20.4 | 2.3 | 172.4 | 19.8 | 231.1 | 26.5 | 870.9 | 879 | 847 | 847 |
| Dec. | 146.2 | 19.0 | 61.4 | 8.0 | 16.5 | 2.2 | 41.0 | 5.4 | 21.6 | 2.8 | 143.4 | 18.7 | 206.0 | 26.9 | 766.4 | 772 | 788 | 788 |
| Jan. | 194.0 | 22.1 | 58.8 | 6.7 | 8.6 | 1.0 | 32.2 | 3.7 | 33.9 | 3.9 | 156.4 | 17.8 | 222.6 | 25.3 | 878.6 | 884 | 915 | 915 |
| Feb. | 183.8 | 20.2 | 56.0 | 6.2 | 8.3 | 0.9 | 45.5 | 5.0 | 42.5 | 4.7 | 155.2 | 17.1 | 243.2 | 26.7 | 909.7 | 917 | 968 | 968 |
| Mar. | 200.3 | 20.6 | 74.5 | 7.7 | 14.0 | 1.4 | 41.0 | 4.2 | 36.5 | 3.8 | 174.0 | 17.9 | 251.5 | 25.9 | 971.0 | 976 | 977 | 977 |
| Apr. | 186.0 | 21.1 | 62.6 | 7.1 | 8.0 | 0.9 | 40.9 | 4.7 | 20.3 | 2.3 | 150.2 | 17.1 | 211.5 | 24.0 | 880.0 | 886 | 991 | 991 |
| May | 199.7 | 20.6 | 63.0 | 6.5 | 13.5 | 1.4 | 41.0 | 4.2 | 18.1 | 1.9 | 168.6 | 17.4 | 227.8 | 23.5 | 968.1 | 976 | 929 | 929 |
| June | 199.1 | 21.4 | 64.7 | 7.0 | 9.3 | 1.0 | 46.1 | 5.0 | 21.0 | 2.3 | 156.1 | 16.8 | 223.2 | 24.0 | 929.2 | 939 | 959 | 959 |
| 1977-78 p - | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 183.7 | 19.8 | 62.2 | 6.7 | 14.6 | 1.6 | 49.0 | 5.3 | 29.8 | 3.2 | 154.7 | 16.7 | 233.5 | 25.1 | 928.6 | 940 | 922 | 922 |
| August | 207.6 | 20.7 | 64.2 | 6.4 | 20.9 | 2.1 | 60.2 | 6.0 | 37.5 | 3.7 | 184.0 | 18.4 | 281.7 | 28.2 | 1,006.6 | 1,011 | 954 | 954 |

(a) Owing to insufficient information it is not possible to treat unassembled tractors and other machinery in a similar manner to motor vehicles and all such machinery is treated as capital equipment whether imported in an assembled or unassembled condition. (b) Includes replacement parts, completely knocked-down vehicles and components for the assembly of motor vehicles. (c) Excludes a percentage of piece-goods to be sold by retail, and paper to be used solely for wrapping, which are recorded in Classes V.I.E-J and III. respectively. (d) Excludes crude petroleum which is included in Class I.C(1-4). (e) Includes a percentage of paper used solely for wrapping, see note (c). (f) Figures from July 1976 are not comparable with previous months because of the change in the basis of valuation of imports to the internationally recognised Brussels Definition of Value. (g) Completely knocked-down vehicle components for the assembly of motor vehicles and replacement parts are recorded in Class I.C(5). (h) Includes a percentage of piece-goods to be sold by retail, see note (c) above. (i) Seasonally adjusted figures from 1976-77 are derived from the values of total imports on the new basis of valuation.

EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES
(£ million)

| Period | Meats | Dairy products | Wheat and flour | Dried, fresh and preserved fruit | Sugar | Coal, coke and briquettes | Ores and concentrates | |
|-------------|-------|----------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|-------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-------|
| | | | | | | | Non-ferrous | Iron |
| 1974-75 | 443.8 | 157.4 | 1,079.6 | 91.2 | 644.6 | 733.4 | 421.8 | 706.5 |
| 1975-76 | 667.9 | 189.3 | 961.5 | 96.1 | 569.9 | 1,069.8 | 526.6 | 771.0 |
| 1976-77 p | 884.8 | 189.3 | 893.4 | 98.9 | 637.5 | 1,381.6 | 645.1 | 901.7 |
| 1976-77 p - | | | | | | | | |
| July | 64.8 | 20.3 | 76.7 | 9.5 | 78.6 | 99.8 | 69.3 | 77.0 |
| Aug. | 77.3 | 15.4 | 106.4 | 8.8 | 69.9 | 94.1 | 40.7 | 81.1 |
| Sept. | 69.9 | 14.8 | 73.3 | 7.8 | 87.0 | 102.7 | 33.0 | 72.3 |
| Oct. | 65.2 | 15.1 | 74.8 | 10.4 | 71.9 | 94.7 | 50.3 | 78.6 |
| Nov. | 65.3 | 14.7 | 83.1 | 7.4 | 72.9 | 129.1 | 61.8 | 71.3 |
| Dec. | 52.1 | 13.4 | 47.5 | 4.0 | 41.8 | 91.9 | 51.4 | 58.5 |
| Jan. | 68.9 | 15.6 | 68.9 | 4.5 | 42.0 | 133.0 | 46.1 | 84.9 |
| Feb. | 64.7 | 13.9 | 68.6 | 3.6 | 28.2 | 89.5 | 45.0 | 97.4 |
| Mar. | 85.2 | 19.4 | 50.2 | 6.7 | 31.9 | 94.3 | 41.2 | 62.9 |
| Apr. | 78.2 | 12.8 | 85.7 | 9.0 | 46.0 | 226.8 | 57.3 | 69.2 |
| May | 99.6 | 17.0 | 79.6 | 14.1 | 39.0 | 118.4 | 57.4 | 80.4 |
| June | 93.8 | 16.9 | 78.6 | 13.2 | 28.4 | 107.3 | 71.5 | 68.1 |
| 1977-78 p - | | | | | | | | |
| July | 93.4 | 14.7 | 91.5 | 10.2 | 56.3 | 97.7 | 49.0 | 75.2 |
| August | 91.1 | 12.5 | 78.6 | 12.7 | 68.9 | 138.4 | 51.1 | 86.8 |

| Period | Road motor vehicles | Wool | | Total exports of merchandise | Total exports | |
|-------------|---------------------|----------|---------------------|------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| | | Original | Seasonally adjusted | | Original | Seasonally adjusted |
| 1974-75 | 136.7 | 753.5 | .. | 8,540.6 | 8,726 | .. |
| 1975-76 | 95.1 | 961.9 | .. | 9,399.7 | 9,640 | .. |
| 1976-77 p | 91.7 | 1,477.1 | .. | 11,573.7 | 11,647 | .. |
| 1976-77 p - | | | | | | |
| July | 8.7 | 114.7 | 107.2 | 974.2 | 1,000 | 1,010 |
| Aug. | 9.6 | 112.7 | 115.5 | 967.3 | 986 | 974 |
| Sept. | 7.0 | 111.1 | 156.7 | 980.4 | 999 | 950 |
| Oct. | 7.4 | 105.4 | 137.9 | 901.3 | 916 | 875 |
| Nov. | 7.2 | 135.6 | 154.1 | 990.1 | 1,000 | 1,032 |
| Dec. | 6.4 | 137.7 | 134.3 | 848.9 | 862 | 863 |
| Jan. | 5.6 | 156.1 | 129.7 | 975.3 | 984 | 1,036 |
| Feb. | 4.6 | 142.4 | 122.5 | 903.1 | 913 | 966 |
| Mar. | 8.2 | 134.9 | 119.7 | 943.6 | 958 | 1,008 |
| Apr. | 9.0 | 122.4 | 130.2 | 1,103.6 | 1,023 | 1,041 |
| May | 8.9 | 109.3 | 105.0 | 1,017.8 | 1,028 | 995 |
| June | 9.0 | 92.9 | 87.0 | 968.1 | 979 | 928 |
| 1977-78 p - | | | | | | |
| July | 8.4 | 84.3 | 82.3 | 946.2 | 970 | 997 |
| August | 10.0 | 56.8 | 56.2 | 1,047.8 | 1,078 | 1,048 |

INDEX OF VALUE OF EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE AT CONSTANT PRICES (Base: Year 1966-67 = 100)

| Period | Food and live animals | | | | Wool and sheepskins | Metaliferous ores and metal scrap | Metal manufactures, machinery, transport equipment | Other exports | All exports of merchandise | |
|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| | Meat and meat preparations | Cereal grains and cereal preparations | Other (dairy produce, fruit, sugar, etc.) | Total | | | | | Original | Seasonally adjusted |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| Value weight % (a) | 9.5 | 15.8 | 12.5 | 37.8 | 29.7 | 5.6 | 14.2 | 12.7 | 100.0 | .. |
| 1973-74 | 158 | 93 | 112 | 116 | 77 | 553 | 186 | 268 | 158 | .. |
| 1974-75 | 136 | 140 | 102 | 127 | 75 | 597 | 201 | 271 | 167 | .. |
| 1975-76 | 181 | 140 | 114 | 142 | 94 | 567 | 184 | 276 | 174 | .. |
| 1975-76 -- | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec. qtr | 169 | 133 | 123 | 139 | 78 | 569 | 190 | 268 | 169 | 170 |
| Mar. qtr | 177 | 133 | 92 | 130 | 119 | 561 | 165 | 265 | 173 | 174 |
| June qtr | 192 | 173 | 121 | 160 | 85 | 593 | 191 | 290 | 183 | 181 |
| 1976-77 p -- | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. qtr | 224 | 164 | 155 | 176 | 115 | 650 | 206 | 312 | 191 | 190 |
| Dec. qtr | 191 | 122 | 142 | 146 | 118 | 584 | 198 | 300 | 189 | 191 |
| Mar. qtr | 181 | 151 | 110 | 145 | 116 | 541 | 177 | 280 | 180 | 182 |

INDEX OF VALUE OF IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE AT CONSTANT PRICES (Base: Year 1966-67 = 100)

| Period | Food, beverages and tobacco | Fuels | Basic materials | Chemicals (incl. plastics) | Textiles, fabrics, etc. | Metal manufactures, machinery, transport equipment | Other imports | All imports of merchandise | |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|-------|-----------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| | | | | | | | | Original | Seasonally adjusted |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| Value weight % (a) | 5.2 | 8.2 | 7.4 | 9.9 | 8.0 | 43.3 | 18.0 | 100.0 | .. |
| 1973-74 | 156 | 67 | 152 | 176 | 208 | 165 | 212 | 169 | .. |
| 1974-75 | 161 | 63 | 110 | 167 | 138 | 188 | 217 | 170 | .. |
| 1975-76 | 150 | 60 | 113 | 137 | 188 | 162 | 211 | 158 | .. |
| 1975-76 - | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec. qtr | 151 | 63 | 109 | 131 | 215 | 156 | 199 | 155 | 150 |
| Mar. qtr | 156 | 63 | 119 | 139 | 189 | 157 | 223 | 155 | 163 |
| June qtr | 144 | 57 | 115 | 162 | 187 | 169 | 213 | 163 | 169 |
| 1976-77 p - | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. qtr | 165 | 79 | 113 | 164 | 199 | 171 | 240 | 173 | 165 |
| Dec. qtr | 188 | 53 | 128 | 165 | 205 | 177 | 246 | 177 | 172 |
| Mar. qtr | 181 | 71 | 110 | 160 | 186 | 185 | 239 | 177 | 185 |

(a) Weighting pattern as at 1966-67. These percentages may be used in analysing the contribution of each group to movements in the total index.

PRICES AND WAGES

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index has been compiled for periods from September quarter 1948. The composition of groups and the group structure of the index has been altered with the introduction of the ninth Consumer Price Index series from December quarter 1976. A brief description of the latest link is contained in the Appendix to the December quarter 1976 *Consumer Price Index* bulletin (Catalogue No. 6401.0. Previously Ref. No. 9.1).

GROUP INDEX NUMBERS
WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES
(Base of each index: Year 1966-67 = 100.0 unless otherwise noted)

| Period | Food | Clothing | Housing | Household equipment and operation | Transport- ation | Tobacco and alcohol | Health and personal care (a) | Recreation (b) | All groups |
|------------------------|-------|----------|---------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1974-75 | 164.0 | 173.0 | 187.4 | 153.8 | 173.0 | 170.4 | 186.5 | .. | 171.1 |
| 1975-76 | 180.2 | 201.0 | 221.1 | 178.3 | 203.8 | 211.1 | 151.6 | .. | 193.3 |
| 1976-77 | 201.2 | 232.5 | 251.8 | 196.3 | 221.9 | 229.8 | 265.8 | 104.1 | 220.0 |
| 1975-76 - June qtr | 186.6 | 214.4 | 233.9 | 186.5 | 211.2 | 225.8 | 156.9 | .. | 202.4 |
| 1976-77 - Sept. qtr | 192.3 | 218.1 | 241.1 | 189.9 | 215.2 | 226.1 | 161.5 | 100.0 | 206.9 |
| Dec. qtr | 199.6 | 232.1 | 249.4 | 193.0 | 218.6 | 229.2 | 295.4 | 101.6 | 219.3 |
| Mar. qtr | 203.4 | 235.6 | 255.0 | 198.9 | 225.0 | 230.3 | 301.3 | 105.8 | 224.3 |
| June qtr | 209.4 | 244.1 | 261.6 | 203.5 | 228.7 | 233.4 | 304.9 | 108.8 | 229.6 |
| 1977-78 - Sept. qtr | 217.4 | 248.2 | 266.7 | 206.4 | 232.3 | 236.0 | 307.1 | 110.1 | 234.1 |

ALL GROUPS INDEX NUMBERS
(Base of each index: Year 1966-67 = 100.0) (a)

| Period | Weighted average of six State capital cities | Sydney | Melbourne | Brisbane | Adelaide | Perth | Hobart | Canberra | Weighted average of seven capital cities |
|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------|-----------|----------|----------|-------|--------|----------|------------------------------------------------------|
| 1974-75 | 171.1 | 176.1 | 167.9 | 168.7 | 169.7 | 166.1 | 166.7 | 164.9 | 171.0 |
| 1975-76 | 193.3 | 199.0 | 189.5 | 190.9 | 190.5 | 189.6 | 190.0 | 187.3 | 193.3 |
| 1976-77 | 220.0 | 223.4 | 216.6 | 218.0 | 220.1 | 219.4 | 217.7 | 212.9 | 219.9 |
| 1975-76 - June qtr | 202.4 | 207.6 | 198.3 | 200.1 | 200.4 | 200.4 | 200.6 | 197.7 | 202.4 |
| 1976-77 - Sept. qtr | 206.9 | 211.1 | 203.2 | 205.1 | 205.5 | 205.4 | 205.5 | 201.9 | 206.8 |
| Dec. qtr | 219.3 | 222.8 | 215.3 | 217.8 | 220.0 | 219.0 | 217.2 | 213.0 | 219.2 |
| Mar. qtr | 224.3 | 227.4 | 221.0 | 222.5 | 224.7 | 224.0 | 221.4 | 216.5 | 224.2 |
| June qtr | 229.6 | 232.3 | 227.0 | 226.6 | 230.1 | 229.3 | 226.7 | 220.3 | 229.4 |
| 1977-78 - Sept. qtr | 234.1 | 236.0 | 231.6 | 231.3 | 235.6 | 234.9 | 232.0 | 224.8 | 233.9 |

(a) Base December quarter 1966 = 100.0. (b) Base September quarter 1976 = 100.0.

PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY (a) GROUP INDEX NUMBERS

A detailed description of the index is contained in the initial bulletin (Catalogue No. 6411.0. Previously Ref. No. 9.13) of 4 July 1975.

(Base : Year 1968-69 = 100.0)

| Period | Manufactured materials (imported)/(b) | | | | | | | | All groups |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| | Chemicals | Metal manufactures components for transport equipment and machinery | Other manufactured materials (b) | Other materials (imported and home produced) (c) | | | Total imported materials | Total home produced materials | |
| | | | | Food, live animals and tobacco | Crude materials (excl. fuels) | Electricity gas and fuels | | | |
| Value weight (%) | 6.67 | 5.21 | 5.76 | 45.87 | 20.66 | 15.83 | 27.16 | 72.84 | 100.00 |
| 1974-75 | 141.9 | 148.7 | 137.4 | 132.4 | 149.3 | 179.5 | 181.5 | 131.6 | 143.1 |
| 1975-76 | 149.4 | 179.6 | 148.4 | 132.5 | 163.0 | 229.0 | 202.9 | 142.0 | 158.6 |
| 1976-77 p | 160.3 | 211.6 | 164.5 | 54.9 | 191.5 | 254.4 | 233.2 | 163.0 | 182.1 |
| 1975-76 - | | | | | | | | | |
| June | 151.6 | 189.8 | 151.9 | 138.1 | 179.4 | 240.7 | 212.0 | 150.6 | 167.3 |
| 1976-77 - | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 151.6 | 192.0 | 152.9 | 142.9 | 184.7 | 241.0 | 212.0 | 155.4 | 170.8 |
| Aug. | 152.7 | 192.4 | 153.7 | 150.8 | 182.7 | 239.9 | 213.3 | 159.3 | 174.0 |
| Sept. | 152.0 | 194.5 | 154.0 | 153.5 | 180.1 | 239.6 | 213.9 | 160.1 | 174.7 |
| Oct. | 151.5 | 192.4 | 154.8 | 152.1 | 182.7 | 241.0 | 214.4 | 159.9 | 174.7 |
| Nov. | 151.3 | 194.8 | 154.6 | 144.9 | 181.4 | 241.2 | 215.4 | 154.8 | 171.3 |
| Dec. | 164.9 | 211.9 | 162.1 | 147.1 | 195.1 | 252.5 | 233.1 | 159.0 | 179.1 |
| Jan. | 164.3 | 221.4 | 169.5 | 152.0 | 196.3 | 258.2 | 239.7 | 162.4 | 183.4 |
| Feb. | 165.6 | 224.5 | 171.6 | 155.1 | 198.2 | 269.0 | 247.7 | 164.8 | 187.3 |
| Mar. | 167.6 | 226.9 | 174.2 | 161.4 | 199.9 | 268.0 | 250.9 | 168.3 | 190.8 |
| Apr. | 166.6 | 227.5 | 174.7 | 161.5 | 200.7 | 267.0 | 251.5 | 170.8 | 192.7 |
| May | 167.7 | 228.0 | 175.5 | 168.2 | 200.3 | 268.1 | 252.6 | 170.6 | 192.8 |
| June p | 168.1 | 231.7 | 176.0 | 168.7 | 196.1 | 267.2 | 253.7 | 171.2 | 193.6 |
| 1977-78 - | | | | | | | | | |
| July p | 168.2 | 233.4 | 178.2 | 169.5 | 195.7 | 267.0 | 253.4 | 172.0 | 194.1 |

(a) The index is on a net basis and relates in concept only to materials that enter Australian manufacturing industry from other sectors of the Australian economy or from overseas. (b) Excluding the manufactured imported crude materials listed in footnote (c). (c) Includes imported fuel oil and the following manufactured imported crude materials: synthetic rubber, hardwood, softwood, woodpulp, synthetic fibre, vegetable oils.

PRICE INDEXES OF ARTICLES PRODUCED BY MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY (a) DIVISION AND SUB-DIVISION INDEX NUMBERS

A detailed description of the indexes is contained in the initial bulletin (Catalogue No. 6412.0. Previously Ref. No. 9.14) of 26 October 1976. Index numbers for special groupings are published in monthly issues of this bulletin.

(Base : Year 1968-69 = 100.0)

| Period | Selected net sub-division indexes (c) | | | | | | | |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | All Manufacturing Industry Index (b) | Food beverages and tobacco (21-22) | Clothing and footwear (24) | Wood, wood products and furniture (25) | Glass, clay and other non-metallic mineral products (28) | Basic metal products (29) | Fabricated metal products (31) | Other industrial machinery and equipment and household appliances (33) |
| 1974-75 | 158.1 | 153.0 | 161.3 | 190.0 | 158.3 | 151.9 | 183.2 | 158.9 |
| 1975-76 | 177.8 | 163.8 | 185.2 | 219.9 | 183.2 | 174.0 | 217.1 | 179.2 |
| 1976-77 | 196.9 | 180.0 | 208.1 | 246.8 | 202.5 | 200.6 | 244.9 | 199.4 |
| 1976-77 - | | | | | | | | |
| July | 188.1 | 170.7 | 198.0 | 237.2 | 195.8 | 192.3 | 235.2 | 188.0 |
| Aug. | 189.7 | 173.0 | 204.0 | 237.3 | 196.8 | 192.4 | 236.4 | 188.7 |
| Sept. | 190.5 | 174.2 | 205.0 | 237.4 | 198.0 | 191.0 | 237.5 | 190.8 |
| Oct. | 191.5 | 175.1 | 205.3 | 240.0 | 199.4 | 192.7 | 240.5 | 191.8 |
| Nov. | 192.9 | 175.3 | 206.2 | 244.0 | 201.3 | 195.0 | 243.0 | 192.2 |
| Dec. | 195.6 | 178.6 | 206.2 | 245.2 | 201.8 | 201.6 | 245.4 | 194.6 |
| Jan. | 198.0 | 180.7 | 207.1 | 248.7 | 203.0 | 203.2 | 246.1 | 195.6 |
| Feb. | 200.4 | 183.6 | 210.5 | 251.6 | 205.9 | 205.2 | 248.0 | 196.3 |
| Mar. | 202.4 | 186.1 | 212.5 | 252.0 | 206.3 | 208.4 | 249.5 | 199.3 |
| Apr. | 204.0 | 187.5 | 213.3 | 254.0 | 206.9 | 209.0 | 251.4 | 206.2 |
| May | 204.3 | 187.5 | 213.9 | 256.6 | 206.9 | 209.3 | 251.8 | 206.6 |
| June | 205.0 | 187.9 | 214.9 | 257.8 | 208.1 | 207.4 | 254.3 | 202.3 |
| 1977-78 - | | | | | | | | |
| July p | 206.7 | 189.8 | 217.7 | 259.6 | 210.9 | 209.7 | 257.8 | 209.5 |
| August p | 207.6 | 189.8 | 219.4 | 260.5 | 212.4 | 210.2 | 261.0 | 209.9 |

(a) For a full description of Division C, 'Manufacturing' and the selected sub-divisions see Australian Standard Industrial Classification (ASIC), Preliminary Edition, 1969. (b) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division. (c) Indexes for the remaining sub-divisions of Manufacturing Division are in process of development. The indexes are on a 'net sub-division' basis. ASIC sub-division codes are shown in brackets at the head of the columns.

PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN HOUSE BUILDING

A detailed description of the index is contained in *Labour Report* No. 58, 1973. The separate city indexes shown below measure price movements within each city individually. They do not compare price levels at between cities.

ALL GROUPS INDEX NUMBERS - SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES
(Base : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)

| Period | State capital cities | | | | | | Weighted average of six State capital cities |
|-----------|----------------------|-----------|----------|----------|-------|--------|----------------------------------------------|
| | Sydney | Melbourne | Brisbane | Adelaide | Perth | Hobart | |
| 1974-75 | 189.4 | 178.4 | 187.0 | 195.4 | 172.4 | 179.1 | 183.4 |
| 1975-76 | 211.1 | 200.1 | 218.3 | 222.5 | 201.9 | 209.2 | 208.1 |
| 1976-77 | 234.3 | 223.6 | 243.5 | 250.7 | 229.8 | 235.1 | 232.9 |
| 1976-77 - | | | | | | | |
| Aug. | 225.8 | 216.2 | 235.4 | 243.2 | 220.6 | 229.2 | 224.7 |
| Sept. | 226.6 | 218.3 | 237.0 | 243.9 | 223.3 | 230.2 | 226.3 |
| Oct. | 228.1 | 218.8 | 237.8 | 245.3 | 225.7 | 230.9 | 227.5 |
| Nov. | 230.3 | 219.4 | 240.3 | 246.4 | 226.7 | 231.7 | 228.9 |
| Dec. | 231.9 | 221.7 | 241.0 | 247.7 | 227.4 | 234.0 | 230.5 |
| Jan. | 236.1 | 224.7 | 242.0 | 250.1 | 229.1 | 235.4 | 233.5 |
| Feb. | 240.0 | 227.2 | 248.4 | 254.5 | 230.9 | 239.1 | 236.8 |
| Mar. | 242.0 | 228.4 | 249.7 | 256.2 | 237.3 | 239.8 | 239.2 |
| Apr. | 242.6 | 230.6 | 251.2 | 259.5 | 237.7 | 240.8 | 240.6 |
| May | 241.2 | 230.6 | 251.3 | 260.0 | 238.5 | 241.2 | 240.3 |
| June | 244.3 | 231.9 | 253.3 | 260.4 | 241.9 | 244.1 | 242.6 |
| 1977-78 - | | | | | | | |
| July | 247.2 | 233.4 | 257.7 | 262.7 | 245.3 | 248.3 | 245.2 |
| Aug. p | 247.6 | 234.7 | 259.7 | 266.4 | 249.1 | 251.5 | 247.0 |
| Sept. p | 249.7 | 234.9 | 260.5 | 267.0 | 249.5 | 252.7 | 248.0 |

GROUP INDEX NUMBERS - WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES
(Base : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)

| Period | Concrete mix cement and sand | Cement products | Clay bricks, tiles, etc. | Timber, board and joinery | Steel products | Other metal products | Plumbing fixtures etc. | Electrical insulation materials | Installed appliances | Plaster and plaster products | Miscellaneous materials | All groups |
|------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|------------|
| Value weight (%) | 5.73 | 8.10 | 12.85 | 36.16 | 5.86 | 7.20 | 3.74 | 1.63 | 5.13 | 5.64 | 7.96 | 100.00 |
| 1974-75 | 165.7 | 193.1 | 180.3 | 203.5 | 192.1 | 170.3 | 174.5 | 168.3 | 146.4 | 147.8 | 161.5 | 183.4 |
| 1975-76 | 195.1 | 227.0 | 205.1 | 226.2 | 229.3 | 187.1 | 201.5 | 183.5 | 165.9 | 167.7 | 187.9 | 208.1 |
| 1976-77 | 217.8 | 258.9 | 227.8 | 254.1 | 263.2 | 207.9 | 224.3 | 201.8 | 181.9 | 178.8 | 210.7 | 232.9 |
| 1976-77 - | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aug. | 211.4 | 249.0 | 221.5 | 242.9 | 254.1 | 202.1 | 218.9 | 200.1 | 179.4 | 175.9 | 201.8 | 224.7 |
| Sept. | 213.5 | 249.7 | 224.5 | 244.7 | 254.6 | 203.2 | 221.2 | 198.1 | 179.7 | 176.1 | 204.4 | 226.3 |
| Oct. | 214.0 | 253.7 | 226.6 | 245.6 | 255.7 | 202.9 | 223.0 | 195.1 | 180.3 | 177.4 | 206.9 | 227.5 |
| Nov. | 216.7 | 256.7 | 227.0 | 247.1 | 261.7 | 202.5 | 223.3 | 194.0 | 180.5 | 177.7 | 207.7 | 228.9 |
| Dec. | 216.5 | 259.1 | 227.3 | 249.1 | 264.1 | 205.8 | 223.4 | 199.1 | 181.0 | 177.9 | 209.0 | 230.5 |
| Jan. | 219.0 | 260.6 | 228.2 | 254.7 | 264.9 | 208.7 | 223.3 | 200.9 | 182.3 | 178.0 | 210.3 | 233.5 |
| Feb. | 222.2 | 263.3 | 229.4 | 260.6 | 267.2 | 210.9 | 227.2 | 203.5 | 183.4 | 180.8 | 211.2 | 236.8 |
| Mar. | 222.1 | 265.0 | 231.7 | 263.5 | 269.4 | 212.5 | 228.1 | 204.6 | 184.1 | 181.2 | 217.8 | 239.2 |
| Apr. | 222.4 | 265.5 | 233.0 | 265.5 | 270.6 | 215.0 | 228.4 | 208.9 | 184.4 | 181.3 | 219.0 | 240.6 |
| May | 222.3 | 265.6 | 230.0 | 265.9 | 271.0 | 214.3 | 228.5 | 208.0 | 184.8 | 181.3 | 218.9 | 240.3 |
| June | 223.8 | 269.9 | 234.9 | 267.9 | 273.0 | 215.2 | 229.3 | 208.0 | 185.8 | 182.2 | 220.4 | 242.6 |
| 1977-78 - | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 227.2 | 276.5 | 237.3 | 269.8 | 276.5 | 215.9 | 232.4 | 208.1 | 188.9 | 185.9 | 224.1 | 245.2 |
| Aug. p | 231.4 | 278.9 | 238.8 | 271.8 | 280.3 | 215.1 | 233.9 | 207.4 | 188.8 | 186.2 | 225.4 | 247.0 |
| Sept. p | 232.3 | 279.9 | 241.9 | 271.6 | 282.7 | 215.7 | 234.6 | 206.8 | 191.0 | 189.1 | 225.7 | 248.0 |

PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING

A detailed description of the index is contained in *Labour Report* No. 58, 1973. The separate city indexes shown below measure price movements within each city individually. They do not compare price levels as between cities.

ALL GROUPS INDEX NUMBERS - SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES
(Base: Year 1966-67 = 100.0)

| Period | State capital cities | | | | | | Weighted average of six State capital cities |
|-----------|----------------------|-----------|----------|----------|-------|--------|----------------------------------------------|
| | Sydney | Melbourne | Brisbane | Adelaide | Perth | Hobart | |
| 1974-75 | 176.0 | 180.6 | 186.6 | 181.0 | 176.7 | 179.3 | 179.2 |
| 1975-76 | 199.0 | 209.4 | 216.3 | 210.4 | 208.3 | 210.4 | 206.2 |
| 1976-77 | 221.5 | 234.8 | 241.2 | 234.3 | 235.4 | 234.8 | 230.3 |
| 1976-77 - | | | | | | | |
| Aug. | 214.0 | 227.1 | 234.0 | 228.1 | 226.6 | 227.8 | 222.8 |
| Sept. | 214.8 | 228.5 | 235.0 | 228.7 | 227.9 | 229.2 | 223.9 |
| Oct. | 215.9 | 229.8 | 236.1 | 229.5 | 230.2 | 230.3 | 225.1 |
| Nov. | 218.0 | 231.2 | 238.4 | 230.9 | 232.0 | 231.7 | 226.9 |
| Dec. | 220.0 | 234.1 | 240.7 | 233.3 | 234.3 | 234.6 | 229.3 |
| Jan. | 221.9 | 235.5 | 241.9 | 234.8 | 235.8 | 235.4 | 230.8 |
| Feb. | 225.0 | 237.9 | 244.2 | 237.0 | 237.7 | 237.3 | 233.4 |
| Mar. | 227.1 | 239.5 | 246.0 | 238.5 | 242.2 | 239.1 | 235.5 |
| Apr. | 228.8 | 242.5 | 247.8 | 240.9 | 243.7 | 241.2 | 237.6 |
| May | 228.7 | 242.4 | 247.9 | 241.1 | 244.1 | 241.9 | 237.6 |
| June | 230.0 | 243.8 | 249.3 | 242.2 | 245.0 | 243.4 | 238.9 |
| 1977-78 - | | | | | | | |
| July | 232.4 | 246.7 | 253.1 | 245.3 | 248.7 | 245.7 | 241.9 |
| Aug. p | 233.3 | 248.3 | 254.4 | 247.7 | 252.0 | 247.6 | 243.3 |
| Sept. p | 234.7 | 249.2 | 256.2 | 249.2 | 253.4 | 249.6 | 244.7 |

GROUP INDEX NUMBERS - WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES
(Base: Year 1966-67 = 100.0)

| Period | Concrete mbr cement, sand, etc. | Cement products | Bricks, stone, etc. | Timber, board and joinery | Steel and iron products | Aluminium products | Other metal products | Plumbing fixtures | Miscellaneous materials | Electrical installation materials (a) | Mechanical services components | All groups |
|------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|
| Value weight (%) | 10.41 | 3.64 | 5.28 | 11.90 | 30.58 | 6.01 | 2.39 | 1.19 | 7.09 | 8.61 | 12.70 | 100.00 |
| 1974-75 | 164.6 | 183.9 | 179.4 | 194.7 | 189.2 | 169.2 | 162.7 | 197.7 | 163.4 | 157.4 | 181.3 | 179.2 |
| 1975-76 | 193.0 | 220.0 | 202.7 | 219.3 | 223.4 | 193.6 | 173.3 | 232.1 | 186.8 | 177.4 | 201.3 | 206.2 |
| 1976-77 | 215.6 | 244.7 | 224.0 | 243.6 | 251.7 | 213.7 | 195.0 | 251.2 | 204.2 | 199.6 | 225.4 | 230.3 |
| 1976-77 - | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aug. | 208.7 | 238.4 | 217.9 | 234.1 | 243.6 | 205.9 | 195.4 | 247.2 | 197.2 | 194.4 | 216.1 | 222.8 |
| Sept. | 211.0 | 238.9 | 219.8 | 236.1 | 244.3 | 209.0 | 193.6 | 250.9 | 199.1 | 193.1 | 216.6 | 223.9 |
| Oct. | 211.5 | 241.7 | 222.4 | 236.9 | 246.1 | 210.0 | 187.5 | 252.4 | 200.9 | 191.4 | 219.3 | 225.1 |
| Nov. | 214.4 | 243.6 | 222.4 | 237.7 | 250.1 | 210.7 | 183.6 | 252.2 | 202.1 | 191.3 | 220.3 | 226.9 |
| Dec. | 214.2 | 244.6 | 223.3 | 239.7 | 252.0 | 212.3 | 190.3 | 251.7 | 203.0 | 195.7 | 226.6 | 229.3 |
| Jan. | 217.3 | 245.2 | 224.8 | 243.1 | 252.7 | 212.9 | 192.8 | 251.2 | 203.8 | 198.6 | 227.3 | 230.8 |
| Feb. | 220.4 | 246.2 | 225.8 | 248.6 | 254.2 | 216.1 | 198.2 | 251.7 | 205.2 | 202.7 | 229.4 | 233.4 |
| Mar. | 220.5 | 247.6 | 227.8 | 251.2 | 256.1 | 218.2 | 201.2 | 252.3 | 209.2 | 206.6 | 231.1 | 235.5 |
| Apr. | 220.4 | 249.5 | 229.2 | 253.5 | 258.7 | 220.6 | 203.2 | 252.8 | 210.5 | 209.9 | 233.9 | 237.6 |
| May | 220.2 | 249.8 | 226.8 | 253.6 | 259.3 | 220.7 | 199.5 | 252.8 | 210.7 | 208.1 | 235.1 | 237.6 |
| June | 221.3 | 252.6 | 230.9 | 255.2 | 260.6 | 221.5 | 197.8 | 253.1 | 211.8 | 207.9 | 236.5 | 238.9 |
| 1977-78 - | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 223.9 | 258.0 | 232.3 | 257.5 | 265.0 | 222.9 | 197.1 | 257.3 | 215.0 | 209.7 | 239.0 | 241.9 |
| Aug. p | 227.4 | 260.5 | 234.5 | 258.5 | 267.2 | 223.3 | 194.8 | 258.8 | 216.3 | 209.0 | 239.5 | 243.3 |
| Sept. p | 227.7 | 262.7 | 238.2 | 259.0 | 268.5 | 228.2 | 194.3 | 261.0 | 217.2 | 209.1 | 241.3 | 244.7 |

(a) The Price Index of Electrical Installation Materials is used as the indicator for this group.

EXPORT PRICE INDEX NUMBERS (Base: Year 1959-60 = 100)

Figures since June 1969 have been compiled on a basis which incorporates a re-weighting (on a 1969-70 basis) of the items contained in the previous series and the inclusion of some additional items.

| Period | Wool | Meats | Dairy produce | Cereals | Dried and canned fruits | Sugar | Hides and tallow | Metals and coal (a) | Gold | All groups (b) |
|----------------|---------|-------|---------------|---------|-------------------------|---------|------------------|---------------------|------|----------------|
| 1974-75 | 121 | 132 | 127 | 256 | 176 | 378 | 141 | 263 | 391 | 181 |
| 1975-76 | 127 | 150 | 122 | 240 | 162 | 338 | 151 | 286 | 359 | 187 |
| 1976-77 | 164 | 169 | 128 | 219 | 184 | 314 | 203 | 230 | 370 | 206 |
| 1975-76 - June | 140 | 169 | 116 | 243 | 181 | 333 | 177 | 307 | 331 | 197 |
| 1976-77 - July | (c) 140 | 166 | 114 | 235 | 154 | 341 | 175 | 316 | 317 | 195 |
| Aug. | 144 | 149 | 114 | 225 | 154 | 322 | 178 | 309 | 272 | 192 |
| Sept. | 147 | 147 | 119 | 224 | 154 | 316 | 185 | 307 | 289 | 192 |
| Oct. | 157 | 144 | 122 | 223 | 152 | 310 | 187 | 305 | 303 | 194 |
| Nov. | 156 | 144 | 122 | 220 | 153 | 300 | 186 | 306 | 330 | 194 |
| Dec. | 180 | 167 | 150 | 219 | 171 | 310 | 194 | 345 | 414 | 213 |
| Jan. | 182 | 176 | 132 | 219 | 167 | 299 | 201 | 338 | 395 | 212 |
| Feb. | 179 | 180 | 133 | 216 | 189 | 304 | 207 | 339 | 409 | 213 |
| Mar. | 174 | 183 | 135 | 209 | 188 | 317 | 214 | 346 | 434 | 213 |
| Apr. | 171 | 196 | 135 | 216 | 260 | 317 | 219 | 384 | 437 | 219 |
| May | 169 | 128 | 141 | 221 | 241 | 324 | 246 | 351 | 430 | 214 |
| June | 167 | 191 | 141 | 206 | 241 | 313 | 245 | 341 | 415 | 214 |
| 1977-78 - July | (c) 167 | 188 | 143 | 199 | 240 | (d) 312 | 241 | 343 | 412 | 212 |

(a) Comprises coal, iron and steel, copper, zinc, lead and silver. Does not include iron ore, bauxite, alumina and mineral sands, which however have been included in the "All groups" index from July 1969 on. (b) As from 1969-70 "All groups" includes the following items, in addition to the specified groups: iron ore, bauxite, alumina and mineral sands. (c) Nonfinal. (d) This index number incorporates contract prices which may be subject to revision.

CONSUMER (RETAIL) PRICE INDEXES, VARIOUS COUNTRIES

(Base of each index: Year 1970 = 100.0)

(Source: Monthly Bulletin of Statistics of the Statistical Office of the United Nations)

The index numbers show fluctuations in prices in each country and do not measure relative price levels as between countries.

The items priced and the levels at which they are priced in these indexes vary widely according to the intended purposes of the indexes of the various countries. A short dash on each side of an index number (e.g. -107.6-) indicates that the two series have been linked at that period.

| Period | Australia (a) | Belgium (b) | Brazil (Rio Paulo) (c) | Canada | France | Federal Republic of Germany | India | Indonesia (Djakarta) | Italy | Japan | Netherlands |
|-----------------|---------------|-------------|------------------------|----------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------|----------------------|----------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1974 | 141.5 | 132.6 | 144.3 | 128.6 | 136.3 | 127.1 | 165.2 | 204.8 | 144.3 | 154.1 | 137.3 |
| 1975 | 162.8 | 149.5 | 187.9 | 142.8 | 152.2 | 134.7 | 174.5 | 243.8 | 171.1 | 172.4 | 161.3 |
| 1976 | 184.9 | 163.2 | 254.3 | 153.2 | 166.9 | 140.8 | 180.9 | 292.2 | 199.5 | 188.4 | 164.6 |
| 1976 - Mar. qtr | 176.4 | 158.6 | 225.9 | 149.8 | 161.1 | 139.0 | 158.3 | 277.5 | 185.0 | 182.0 | 159.1 |
| June qtr | 181.2 | 161.9 | 248.0 | 152.1 | 164.8 | 141.1 | 157.6 | 285.9 | 196.7 | 187.7 | 164.3 |
| Sept. qtr | 185.2 | 164.9 | 263.3 | 154.3 | 168.4 | 141.2 | 162.5 | 299.4 | 202.3 | 189.8 | 165.5 |
| Dec. qtr | 196.3 | 167.6 | 283.9 | 156.6 | 172.9 | 142.0 | 165.9 | 306.1 | 215.1 | 194.5 | 169.6 |
| 1977 - Mar. qtr | 200.7 | 170.9 | 312.7 | 159.9 | 175.6 | 144.6 | 168.3 | | 225.2 | 198.9 | 170.8 |
| June qtr | 205.5 | 173.7 | | 163.7 | 181.0 | 146.3 | | | 235.8 | 204.2 | 178.8 |
| Period | New Zealand | Norway | Pakistan (Karachi) (d) | Philippines (Manila) | Singapore (e) | South Africa (f) | Sweden | Switzerland | United Kingdom | United States of America | Malaysia (Peninsular) (g) |
| 1974 | 141.8 | -133.9- | 164.0 | 214.7 | 122.3 | 138.1 | 133.5 | 135.7 | 148.4 | 127.0 | 136.0 |
| 1975 | 162.6 | 149.5 | 198.2 | 234.6 | 125.5 | 154.7 | 144.6 | 144.8 | 184.4 | 138.6 | 142.2 |
| 1976 | 190.2 | 163.2 | 212.4 | | 123.1 | 174.1 | 161.7 | 147.3 | 214.9 | 146.6 | 148.9 |
| 1976 - Mar. qtr | 179.8 | 158.0 | 205.3 | 247.3 | 124.9 | 166.7 | 156.6 | 147.1 | 204.4 | 143.7 | 144.5 |
| June qtr | 187.8 | 162.4 | 208.6 | | 122.7 | 172.0 | 160.5 | 146.8 | 211.9 | 145.3 | 144.9 |
| Sept. qtr | 193.7 | 165.6 | 213.5 | | 122.3 | 177.1 | 162.8 | 147.3 | 216.8 | 147.8 | 146.4 |
| Dec. qtr | 199.1 | 166.7 | 222.3 | | 122.6 | 180.8 | 166.8 | 147.9 | 226.8 | 149.4 | 147.6 |
| 1977 - Mar. qtr | 204.3 | 172.1 | 230.9 | | 125.4 | 188.8 | 171.2 | 148.5 | 238.2 | 152.1 | 150.9 |
| June qtr | 214.1 | 176.9 | 230.8 | | 124.9 | | 177.8 | 148.8 | 248.8 | 155.3 | |

(a) Consumer Price Index converted to base: 1970 = 100.0. (b) Rent is not included. (c) Beginning 1972, base: 1972 = 100.0. (d) Prior to 1972: Karachi only; industrial workers. Beginning 1973, base: 1971 = 100.0. (e) Beginning 1974, new series, base: 1973 = 100.0. (f) White population. (g) Formerly known as West Malaysia.

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS OF WORK

| | | | | | | | Australia | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----------|-----------------------------------------|
| End of - | N.S.W. | Vic. | Qld | S.A. | W.A. | Tas. | Rates | Index Nos (Base: Year 1954 = 100) |
| WEIGHTED AVERAGE MINIMUM WEEKLY RATES OF WAGE (\$ (a)) | | | | | | | | |
| Adult Males | | | | | | | | |
| June - | | | | | | | | |
| 1973 | 74.69 | 74.67 | 75.49 | 72.56 | 72.64 | 74.94 | 74.47 | 263.7 |
| 1974 | 95.63 | 95.60 | 96.89 | 93.49 | 90.46 | 95.39 | 95.24 | 337.2 |
| 1975 | 113.31 | 112.73 | 115.83 | 111.01 | 106.35 | 112.59 | 112.78 | 399.3 |
| 1975-76 - | | | | | | | | |
| June | 130.51 | 128.59 | 133.61 | 126.77 | 125.89 | 128.75 | 129.68 | 459.2 |
| 1976-77 - | | | | | | | | |
| July | 130.65 | 128.63 | 133.61 | 126.78 | 126.01 | 128.76 | 129.76 | 459.5 |
| Aug. | 133.26 | 131.21 | 136.10 | 129.35 | 129.22 | 131.33 | 132.39 | 468.7 |
| Sept. | 133.28 | 131.21 | 136.10 | 129.37 | 129.30 | 131.33 | 132.39 | 468.8 |
| Oct. | 133.26 | 131.21 | 136.10 | 129.36 | 129.39 | 131.33 | 132.39 | 468.8 |
| Nov. | 135.99 | 134.03 | 139.12 | 132.17 | 132.24 | 134.14 | 135.21 | 478.8 |
| Dec. | 136.02 | 134.06 | 139.13 | 132.18 | 132.24 | 134.14 | 135.23 | 478.8 |
| Jan. | 136.12 | 134.06 | 139.13 | 132.22 | 132.28 | 134.14 | 135.27 | 479.0 |
| Feb. | 136.11 | 134.06 | 139.13 | 132.22 | 136.21 | 134.14 | 135.54 | 479.9 |
| Mar. | 141.90 | 139.78 | 144.88 | 137.94 | 137.99 | 139.88 | 141.02 | 499.3 |
| Apr. | 141.97 | 139.81 | 144.90 | 137.94 | 139.67 | 139.93 | 141.18 | 499.9 |
| May | 144.68 | 142.41 | 147.62 | 140.51 | 141.83 | 142.50 | 143.80 | 509.2 |
| June | 144.67 | 142.41 | 147.62 | 140.60 | 141.83 | 142.50 | 143.81 | 509.2 |
| 1977-78 - | | | | | | | | |
| July | 144.68 | 142.41 | 147.62 | 140.61 | 141.86 | 142.50 | 143.81 | 509.2 |
| Adult Females | | | | | | | | |
| June - | | | | | | | | |
| 1973 | 59.84 | 58.58 | 57.18 | 57.85 | 57.73 | 57.90 | 58.85 | 295.6 |
| 1974 | 82.78 | 80.84 | 76.96 | 78.00 | 75.41 | 76.30 | 80.65 | 405.1 |
| 1975 | 105.22 | 104.98 | 102.88 | 99.42 | 98.29 | 101.04 | 104.02 | 522.5 |
| 1975-76 - | | | | | | | | |
| June | 120.48 | 120.70 | 122.04 | 120.28 | 115.34 | 116.94 | 120.36 | 604.6 |
| 1976-77 - | | | | | | | | |
| July | 120.48 | 120.70 | 122.04 | 120.28 | 116.22 | 116.94 | 120.40 | 604.8 |
| Aug. | 123.02 | 123.29 | 124.39 | 122.79 | 119.73 | 119.52 | 122.99 | 617.8 |
| Sept. | 123.02 | 123.29 | 124.39 | 122.79 | 119.76 | 119.52 | 122.99 | 617.8 |
| Oct. | 123.02 | 123.29 | 124.39 | 122.79 | 120.14 | 119.52 | 123.01 | 617.9 |
| Nov. | 125.72 | 125.98 | 127.49 | 125.48 | 122.60 | 122.15 | 125.74 | 631.6 |
| Dec. | 125.72 | 125.98 | 127.49 | 125.55 | 122.64 | 122.15 | 125.74 | 631.6 |
| Jan. | 125.72 | 125.98 | 127.49 | 125.55 | 123.38 | 122.15 | 125.78 | 631.8 |
| Feb. | 125.72 | 125.98 | 127.50 | 125.55 | 127.46 | 122.15 | 126.00 | 632.9 |
| Mar. | 131.45 | 131.70 | 133.20 | 131.39 | 128.88 | 127.85 | 131.50 | 660.5 |
| Apr. | 131.45 | 131.70 | 133.20 | 131.39 | 129.25 | 127.85 | 131.52 | 660.6 |
| May | 133.94 | 134.18 | 135.70 | 133.84 | 131.38 | 130.28 | 133.99 | 673.0 |
| June | 133.94 | 134.18 | 135.70 | 133.86 | 131.38 | 130.28 | 133.99 | 673.0 |
| 1977-78 - | | | | | | | | |
| July | 133.94 | 134.18 | 135.70 | 133.86 | 131.66 | 130.28 | 134.00 | 673.1 |
| WEIGHTED AVERAGE STANDARD WEEKLY HOURS OF WORK (b) JULY 1977 | | | | | | | | |
| Adult males | 39.74 | 39.92 | 39.84 | 39.92 | 39.80 | 39.89 | 39.83 | 99.67 |
| Adult females | 39.53 | 39.81 | 39.70 | 39.77 | 39.78 | 39.63 | 39.67 | 100.60 |

(a) For a full weeks work (excluding overtime), as prescribed in awards, determinations and collective agreements. The wage rates for adult males exclude rural industry. The wage rates for adult females exclude rural industry; mining and quarrying and building and construction. Rates shown should not be regarded as actual current averages, but as indexes expressed in money terms indicative of trends. They do not measure the relative level of minimum wages as between States. Figures for the last twelve months are subject to revision. (b) The hours for adult males exclude rural industry; and shipping and stevedoring. The hours for adult females exclude rural industry; mining and quarrying; and building and construction.

NOTE. For further information regarding these statistics reference should be made to the monthly bulletin *Wage Rates and Earnings* (Catalogue No. 6312.0. Previously Ref. No. 6.16).

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT (a)
(Revised Series)

Original Series. Estimates of average weekly earnings are made each quarter in respect of both full-time and part-time civilian wage and salary earners in all industries combined. The earnings figures used in the calculation of the averages comprise award and over-award wages and salaries, the earnings of employees not covered by awards, overtime earnings, etc., and include payments made retrospectively or in advance during the quarter. Particulars of employment and wages and salaries are derived from payroll tax returns and from direct returns from government and other bodies. For a more detailed explanation of the methods used, see *Average Weekly Earnings* (Catalogue No. 6302.0. Previously Ref. No. 6.18).

Seasonally adjusted series. Quarterly estimates are affected by seasonal influences. For example special payments, including prepayments for holiday periods tend to raise the December quarter and to depress the March quarter averages. In addition, figures for all quarters are affected by the varying incidence of pay-days in successive quarters. Allowance for the varying incidence of pay-days and for seasonal factors has been made in calculating the seasonally adjusted estimates. It should also be noted that seasonal adjustment factors were estimated from a series adjusted to allow for the effects of major awards and determinations of Federal and State industrial authorities. The effects of these awards and determinations are retained in the seasonally adjusted data. A detailed description of the methods of seasonal adjustment is given in *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators* (Catalogue No. 1308.8, Previously Ref. No. 1.10).

(B)

| Period | N.S.W. | Vic. | Qld. | S.A. | N.A. | Tas. | N.T. (b) | A.C.T. (b) | Aust. |
|----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------------|---------------|--------|
| ORIGINAL | | | | | | | | | |
| 1974-75 | 152.10 | 147.80 | 142.50 | 138.60 | 145.60 | 140.20 | 168.50 | 184.30 | 148.30 |
| 1975-76 | 172.70 | 170.50 | 163.50 | 158.50 | 169.10 | 157.80 | 190.00 | 209.00 | 169.60 |
| 1976-77 | 193.60 | 191.10 | 184.50 | 179.50 | 190.80 | 181.30 | 216.80 | 237.70 | 190.70 |
| 1975-76 - | | | | | | | | | |
| Mar. qtr | 168.50 | 165.50 | 158.20 | 154.40 | 164.80 | 151.20 | 185.30 | 208.30 | 165.30 |
| June qtr | 183.60 | 180.70 | 175.00 | 167.60 | 178.80 | 165.10 | 199.60 | 221.90 | 179.80 |
| 1976-77 - | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. qtr | 187.30 | 183.00 | 182.00 | 175.00 | 184.00 | 175.60 | 209.30 | 230.00 | 184.80 |
| Dec. qtr | 197.90 | 197.40 | 189.80 | 182.80 | 194.50 | 188.70 | 220.00 | 243.90 | 195.50 |
| Mar. qtr | 187.30 | 183.60 | 174.00 | 172.90 | 186.60 | 175.20 | 212.20 | 231.00 | 183.80 |
| June qtr | 201.80 | 200.40 | 192.30 | 187.40 | 198.20 | 185.90 | 225.60 | 245.80 | 196.70 |
| SEASONALLY ADJUSTED | | | | | | | | | |
| 1975-76 - | | | | | | | | | |
| Mar. qtr | 173.80 | 170.60 | 164.90 | 158.00 | 169.30 | 156.30 | 187.90 | 214.60 | 171.10 |
| June qtr | 183.20 | 182.50 | 174.20 | 168.00 | 177.50 | 165.90 | 199.60 | 216.30 | 178.80 |
| 1976-77 - | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. qtr | 187.00 | 182.80 | 183.00 | 173.60 | 182.80 | 177.20 | 208.60 | 233.10 | 184.90 |
| Dec. qtr | 190.20 | 187.90 | 179.60 | 177.60 | 189.10 | 178.80 | 213.40 | 238.50 | 187.40 |
| Mar. qtr | 194.00 | 191.10 | 184.90 | 177.30 | 193.70 | 184.00 | 215.70 | 240.30 | 192.10 |
| June qtr | 202.80 | 202.60 | 189.60 | 190.60 | 197.10 | 185.00 | 226.30 | 243.70 | 196.10 |

(a) Particulars of wages and salaries paid are not available for males and females separately; estimates have therefore been calculated in terms of male units, i.e. total male employees plus a proportion of female employees, the proportion being derived from the estimated ratio of female to male average earnings in each State. The ratio used in the current quarter for Australia is approximately 64 per cent. For further details on the separate State ratios see *Average Weekly Earnings* (Catalogue No. 6302.0. Previously Ref. No. 6.18). (b) Original series estimates have been calculated on a basis which excludes the effects of varying numbers of Australian Government pay-days in each quarter. Estimates prior to 1974-75 are not available.

BUILDING, ETC.

SUMMARY OF BUILDING APPROVED : ORIGINAL AND SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

| New dwellings | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| Period | Private | | | Government | | Total | | |
| | Number ('000) | | | Number ('000) | Value (\$m) | Number ('000) | | |
| | Original | Seasonally adjusted (a) | Value (\$m) | | | Original | Seasonally adjusted (a) | Value (\$m) |
| | | | | | | | | |
| 1974-75 | 101.5 | .. | 1,891.4 | 19.8 | 354.8 | 121.3 | .. | 2,246.2 |
| 1975-76 | 134.2 | .. | 3,007.2 | 11.9 | 249.6 | 146.1 | .. | 3,256.8 |
| 1976-77 | 127.5 | .. | 3,227.8 | 14.1 | 313.1 | 141.4 | .. | 3,540.9 |
| 1976-77 - | | | | | | | | |
| July | 11.8 | 11.3 | 287.8 | 0.7 | 16.5 | 12.6 | 12.2 | 304.3 |
| Aug. | 11.4 | 11.2 | 279.6 | 0.8 | 16.2 | 12.2 | 12.5 | 295.8 |
| Sept. | 12.4 | 11.4 | 304.4 | 1.6 | 34.9 | 14.0 | 13.0 | 339.2 |
| Oct. | 11.6 | 11.9 | 287.5 | 1.3 | 26.6 | 12.9 | 13.2 | 314.1 |
| Nov. | 12.1 | 11.3 | 299.1 | 1.4 | 30.1 | 13.5 | 12.7 | 329.2 |
| Dec. | 10.6 | 11.4 | 267.3 | 1.0 | 22.8 | 11.6 | 12.6 | 290.2 |
| Jan. | 8.5 | 11.5 | 219.1 | 1.3 | 29.6 | 9.8 | 13.0 | 248.8 |
| Feb. | 9.1 | 10.2 | 231.0 | 1.7 | 36.9 | 10.8 | 12.1 | 267.9 |
| Mar. | 9.8 | 8.6 | 254.6 | 0.9 | 20.0 | 10.7 | 9.4 | 274.6 |
| Apr. | 9.2 | 10.4 | 243.8 | 0.7 | 15.5 | 9.9 | 11.1 | 259.3 |
| May | 10.4 | 9.4 | 273.5 | 1.1 | 29.2 | 11.6 | 10.3 | 302.6 |
| June | 10.4 | 9.1 | 279.9 | 1.4 | 34.8 | 11.8 | 10.0 | 314.8 |
| 1977-78 - | | | | | | | | |
| July | 9.9 | 9.9 | 265.6 | 0.9 | 21.5 | 10.7 | 10.9 | 287.1 |
| Aug. | 10.5 | 10.0 | 279.4 | 0.9 | 19.6 | 11.4 | 11.2 | 299.0 |
| Other building (a) | | | | | | | | |
| Period | Alterations and additions to dwellings (c) | Original | | Seasonally adjusted (b) | Total building approved | | | |
| | | Private | Total | | Original | Seasonally adjusted (b) | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Value (\$ million) | | | | | | | | |
| 1974-75 | 100.8 | 829.8 | 1,786.3 | .. | 4,133.3 | .. | | |
| 1975-76 | 211.1 | 945.7 | 1,876.1 | .. | 5,344.1 | .. | | |
| 1976-77 | 250.6 | 1,147.9 | 2,095.5 | .. | 5,887.0 | .. | | |
| 1976-77 - | | | | | | | | |
| July | 21.6 | 93.6 | 168.5 | 147.9 | 494.4 | 453.0 | | |
| Aug. | 20.2 | 79.8 | 123.2 | 144.5 | 439.2 | 475.5 | | |
| Sept. | 22.3 | 100.0 | 181.7 | 193.9 | 543.3 | 518.4 | | |
| Oct. | 22.6 | 88.6 | 159.2 | 157.9 | 495.9 | 499.8 | | |
| Nov. | 22.2 | 87.7 | 183.6 | 178.6 | 535.0 | 510.1 | | |
| Dec. | 18.7 | 113.1 | 213.0 | 215.9 | 521.9 | 551.1 | | |
| Jan. | 18.6 | 74.3 | 137.5 | 181.2 | 404.9 | 539.8 | | |
| Feb. | 17.8 | 93.4 | 157.2 | 183.5 | 442.9 | 493.8 | | |
| Mar. | 20.3 | 100.5 | 208.8 | 191.6 | 503.7 | 469.5 | | |
| Apr. | 19.5 | 100.4 | 193.7 | 202.9 | 472.5 | 418.6 | | |
| May | 22.8 | 107.2 | 178.8 | 149.6 | 504.2 | 454.5 | | |
| June | 23.8 | 109.3 | 190.4 | 152.4 | 529.0 | 429.6 | | |
| 1977-78 - | | | | | | | | |
| July | 23.0 | 107.7 | 192.0 | 181.6 | 502.1 | 486.2 | | |
| Aug. | 26.3 | 109.0 | 199.8 | 234.2 | 525.1 | 554.0 | | |

(a) Includes other building (new plus alterations and additions) valued at \$10,000 and over. (b) Account has been taken not only of normal seasonal factors but additionally of "trading-day" effects (arising from the varying number of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc., in the month) and the influence of Easter which may in successive years affect figures for different months. (c) Valued at \$10,000 and over.

NOTE. Statistics on alterations and additions to dwellings, valued at \$2,000-\$9,999 are collected but not included in the tabulations. The total value of building approved in this category in August 1977 was \$29.2m.

BUILDING JOBS APPROVED

| Period | N.S.W. | Vic. | Qld | S.A. | W.A. | Tas. | N.T. | A.C.T. | Aust. |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|--------|---------|
| NUMBERS OF NEW DWELLINGS APPROVED ('000) | | | | | | | | | |
| 1974-75 | 38.13 | 30.61 | 18.11 | 12.68 | 12.80 | 3.32 | 1.52 | 4.15 | 121.32 |
| 1975-76 | 32.13 | 39.40 | 24.61 | 16.82 | 21.39 | 4.44 | 2.79 | 4.54 | 146.11 |
| 1976-77 | 36.80 | 36.63 | 25.67 | 14.39 | 19.06 | 4.40 | 1.58 | 2.84 | 141.37 |
| 1976-77 - | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 3.07 | 3.61 | 2.16 | 1.19 | 1.67 | 0.37 | 0.09 | 0.43 | 12.58 |
| Aug. | 3.04 | 3.25 | 2.11 | 1.48 | 1.57 | 0.38 | 0.12 | 0.27 | 12.22 |
| Sept. | 3.76 | 3.36 | 2.73 | 1.67 | 1.66 | 0.44 | 0.16 | 0.23 | 14.01 |
| Oct. | 3.11 | 3.30 | 2.33 | 1.40 | 1.81 | 0.45 | 0.18 | 0.30 | 12.87 |
| Nov. | 3.80 | 3.48 | 2.48 | 1.21 | 1.74 | 0.34 | 0.10 | 0.34 | 13.48 |
| Dec. | 2.96 | 3.14 | 2.09 | 1.12 | 1.60 | 0.33 | 0.11 | 0.24 | 11.57 |
| Jan. | 3.23 | 1.82 | 1.62 | 1.28 | 1.30 | 0.21 | 0.17 | 0.18 | 9.81 |
| Feb. | 2.59 | 3.56 | 1.65 | 0.78 | 1.48 | 0.38 | 0.17 | 0.21 | 10.84 |
| Mar. | 2.49 | 3.09 | 2.10 | 0.98 | 1.42 | 0.41 | 0.08 | 0.11 | 10.68 |
| Apr. | 2.60 | 2.41 | 1.92 | 0.97 | 1.46 | 0.34 | 0.11 | 0.08 | 9.89 |
| May | 3.00 | 2.97 | 2.25 | 0.94 | 1.70 | 0.38 | 0.20 | 0.15 | 11.59 |
| June | 3.16 | 2.64 | 2.24 | 1.38 | 1.64 | 0.38 | 0.08 | 0.32 | 11.85 |
| 1977-78 - | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 3.00 | 2.51 | 2.11 | 0.83 | 1.60 | 0.34 | 0.16 | 0.16 | 10.73 |
| Aug. | 3.54 | 2.50 | 2.19 | 0.95 | 1.59 | 0.37 | 0.04 | 0.18 | 11.36 |
| VALUE OF NEW DWELLINGS APPROVED (\$m) | | | | | | | | | |
| 1974-75 | 683.6 | 590.4 | 334.8 | 214.6 | 220.7 | 61.1 | 43.6 | 97.2 | 2,246.2 |
| 1975-76 | 704.0 | 907.2 | 508.7 | 360.2 | 438.5 | 101.5 | 97.2 | 139.4 | 3,256.8 |
| 1976-77 | 890.1 | 962.0 | 613.0 | 356.0 | 469.0 | 110.5 | 52.3 | 87.8 | 3,540.9 |
| 1976-77 - | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 72.7 | 91.0 | 47.9 | 28.6 | 39.0 | 9.7 | 3.1 | 12.4 | 304.3 |
| Aug. | 70.8 | 83.5 | 50.0 | 33.0 | 36.6 | 9.4 | 3.7 | 8.8 | 293.8 |
| Sept. | 85.2 | 87.3 | 62.2 | 39.8 | 39.9 | 11.1 | 6.2 | 7.6 | 339.2 |
| Oct. | 74.4 | 84.2 | 53.5 | 32.6 | 44.0 | 11.1 | 5.0 | 9.3 | 314.1 |
| Nov. | 87.0 | 89.1 | 58.1 | 30.3 | 42.1 | 8.7 | 4.1 | 9.8 | 329.2 |
| Dec. | 72.9 | 82.1 | 49.3 | 29.3 | 38.6 | 8.0 | 3.0 | 6.8 | 290.2 |
| Jan. | 78.3 | 50.6 | 38.6 | 32.3 | 32.0 | 5.2 | 6.0 | 5.8 | 248.8 |
| Feb. | 62.2 | 89.3 | 39.1 | 20.5 | 35.6 | 9.4 | 5.2 | 6.7 | 267.9 |
| Mar. | 61.9 | 83.9 | 52.3 | 24.8 | 35.6 | 9.9 | 2.5 | 3.8 | 274.6 |
| Apr. | 68.1 | 65.6 | 46.4 | 25.1 | 39.2 | 8.3 | 3.8 | 2.6 | 259.3 |
| May | 74.8 | 80.3 | 59.0 | 24.5 | 43.1 | 9.5 | 6.6 | 4.7 | 302.6 |
| June | 81.9 | 75.1 | 56.6 | 35.3 | 43.4 | 10.1 | 3.1 | 9.3 | 314.8 |
| 1977-78 - | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 78.2 | 72.5 | 51.7 | 21.8 | 41.4 | 9.1 | 6.5 | 5.8 | 287.1 |
| Aug. | 90.7 | 71.5 | 54.7 | 25.4 | 40.4 | 9.0 | 1.4 | 6.0 | 299.0 |
| VALUE OF ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO DWELLINGS APPROVED (\$m) (a) | | | | | | | | | |
| 1974-75 | 48.1 | 27.8 | 7.2 | 5.1 | 4.7 | 1.7 | 1.5 | 4.6 | 100.8 |
| 1975-76 | 77.2 | 53.2 | 11.3 | 12.2 | 10.2 | 2.3 | 35.2 | 9.6 | 211.1 |
| 1976-77 | 94.0 | 77.6 | 16.5 | 18.1 | 16.2 | 3.9 | 15.4 | 8.8 | 250.6 |
| 1976-77 - | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 7.7 | 6.4 | 1.5 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 0.3 | 2.4 | 0.9 | 21.6 |
| Aug. | 8.3 | 6.4 | 1.2 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 20.2 |
| Sept. | 7.7 | 6.9 | 1.7 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 0.3 | 2.1 | 0.8 | 22.3 |
| Oct. | 8.9 | 6.8 | 1.6 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 0.4 | 1.4 | 0.9 | 22.6 |
| Nov. | 8.2 | 7.3 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 1.2 | 0.3 | 1.3 | 0.9 | 22.2 |
| Dec. | 6.7 | 6.5 | 0.7 | 1.8 | 1.3 | 0.3 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 18.7 |
| Jan. | 8.4 | 4.3 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 0.9 | 0.3 | 1.7 | 0.6 | 18.6 |
| Feb. | 6.7 | 5.5 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 17.8 |
| Mar. | 6.8 | 6.8 | 1.5 | 1.8 | 1.4 | 0.2 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 20.3 |
| Apr. | 7.3 | 6.5 | 1.0 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 19.5 |
| May | 8.3 | 7.4 | 1.9 | 1.5 | 1.8 | 0.4 | 1.0 | 0.6 | 22.8 |
| June | 9.0 | 6.8 | 1.5 | 2.2 | 1.7 | 0.4 | 1.5 | 0.8 | 23.8 |
| 1977-78 - | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 9.6 | 7.2 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 2.1 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 23.0 |
| Aug. | 10.5 | 8.1 | 1.7 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 0.4 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 26.3 |

(a) Valued at \$10,000 and over.

BUILDING JOBS APPROVED - continued

| Period | N.S.W. | Vic. | Qld | S.A. | W.A. | Tas. | N.T. | A.C.T. | Aust. |
|----------------------------------------|---------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|---------|
| VALUE OF OTHER BUILDING APPROVED (\$m) | | | | | | | | | |
| 1974-75 | 486.5 | 470.5 | 268.3 | 150.2 | 170.4 | 49.2 | 26.3 | 164.8 | 1,786.3 |
| 1975-76 | 554.1 | 512.8 | 370.5 | 99.4 | 182.5 | 54.8 | 41.7 | 60.2 | 1,876.1 |
| 1976-77 | 618.4 | 536.2 | 324.3 | 171.9 | 214.7 | 84.1 | 59.5 | 86.5 | 2,095.5 |
| 1976-77 - | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 56.8 | 40.8 | 27.1 | 10.9 | 15.0 | 4.0 | 6.2 | 7.7 | 168.5 |
| Aug. | 28.8 | 43.4 | 19.8 | 10.5 | 12.1 | 4.5 | 2.7 | 1.3 | 123.2 |
| Sept. | 59.0 | 45.7 | 33.6 | 13.7 | 14.5 | 5.3 | 4.1 | 5.8 | 181.7 |
| Oct. | 36.9 | 41.9 | 29.6 | 10.0 | 24.2 | 9.8 | 4.6 | 2.2 | 159.2 |
| Nov. | 55.3 | 36.7 | 20.4 | 10.3 | 19.4 | 8.3 | 6.6 | 26.6 | 183.6 |
| Dec. | 87.8 | 41.1 | 24.1 | 19.0 | 20.6 | 4.8 | 2.9 | 12.6 | 213.0 |
| Jan. | 51.1 | 28.3 | 16.3 | 11.6 | 20.5 | 7.4 | 1.4 | 1.0 | 137.5 |
| Feb. | 46.1 | 41.0 | 15.6 | 18.4 | 16.3 | 9.5 | 7.5 | 2.7 | 157.2 |
| Mar. | 56.4 | 52.8 | 43.2 | 12.8 | 17.0 | 10.8 | 0.7 | 15.0 | 208.8 |
| Apr. | 45.4 | 56.1 | 26.1 | 36.6 | 14.2 | 6.7 | 3.5 | 5.0 | 193.7 |
| May | 44.5 | 65.1 | 25.8 | 7.6 | 19.4 | 7.0 | 6.8 | 2.5 | 178.8 |
| June | 50.3 | 43.3 | 42.5 | 10.5 | 21.4 | 5.9 | 12.5 | 4.0 | 190.4 |
| 1977-78 - | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 52.4 | 64.8 | 27.4 | 16.3 | 22.4 | 4.2 | 3.6 | 1.0 | 192.0 |
| Aug. | 44.9 | 58.3 | 33.5 | 21.4 | 15.7 | 4.5 | 9.3 | 12.3 | 199.8 |
| VALUE OF TOTAL BUILDING APPROVED (\$m) | | | | | | | | | |
| 1974-75 | 1,218.3 | 1,088.7 | 610.4 | 369.9 | 395.9 | 112.1 | 71.4 | 266.6 | 4,133.3 |
| 1975-76 | 1,335.4 | 1,473.2 | 890.5 | 471.8 | 631.1 | 158.7 | 174.1 | 209.2 | 5,344.1 |
| 1976-77 | 1,602.5 | 1,575.8 | 953.9 | 546.0 | 700.0 | 198.5 | 127.2 | 183.1 | 5,887.0 |
| 1976-77 - | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 137.1 | 138.2 | 76.5 | 40.7 | 55.2 | 14.0 | 11.6 | 21.0 | 494.4 |
| Aug. | 107.9 | 133.4 | 71.0 | 44.9 | 50.0 | 14.2 | 6.9 | 11.0 | 439.2 |
| Sept. | 151.9 | 140.0 | 97.5 | 54.9 | 55.8 | 16.7 | 12.4 | 14.2 | 543.3 |
| Oct. | 120.1 | 132.9 | 84.8 | 43.9 | 69.5 | 21.2 | 11.0 | 12.4 | 495.9 |
| Nov. | 150.5 | 133.0 | 80.2 | 42.1 | 62.7 | 17.4 | 12.0 | 37.2 | 535.0 |
| Dec. | 167.4 | 129.7 | 74.2 | 50.2 | 60.5 | 13.1 | 6.9 | 19.9 | 521.9 |
| Jan. | 137.8 | 83.1 | 56.0 | 45.2 | 53.4 | 12.9 | 9.2 | 7.5 | 404.9 |
| Feb. | 115.1 | 135.8 | 55.9 | 40.2 | 53.3 | 19.2 | 13.5 | 10.1 | 442.9 |
| Mar. | 125.2 | 143.5 | 96.9 | 39.4 | 54.0 | 21.0 | 4.1 | 19.6 | 503.7 |
| Apr. | 120.7 | 128.2 | 73.5 | 63.0 | 54.9 | 15.5 | 8.1 | 8.5 | 472.5 |
| May | 127.7 | 152.8 | 86.7 | 33.6 | 64.3 | 16.9 | 14.4 | 7.8 | 504.2 |
| June | 141.2 | 125.2 | 100.6 | 48.0 | 66.6 | 16.4 | 17.1 | 14.0 | 529.0 |
| 1977-78 - | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 140.2 | 144.5 | 80.4 | 39.5 | 65.9 | 13.5 | 10.6 | 7.5 | 502.1 |
| Aug. | 146.1 | 137.8 | 89.9 | 48.3 | 58.1 | 13.9 | 11.8 | 19.2 | 525.1 |

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING COMMENCED : AUSTRALIA

| Period | Number of new dwellings ('000) | | | | Value (\$ million) | | | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|---------|-------|--------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------|---------|----------------|
| | Houses | Other dwellings | | Total | New dwellings | Alterations and additions to dwellings | Other building | | Total building |
| | | Other dwellings | Private | | | | Private | Total | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| ORIGINAL | | | | | | | | | |
| 1973-74 | 113.5 | 80.9 | 150.1 | 164.4 | 2,534.3 | 69.2 | 1,282.2 | 1,982.3 | 4,585.8 |
| 1974-75 | 86.5 | 31.6 | 99.1 | 118.1 | 2,227.3 | 101.8 | 915.4 | 1,834.1 | 4,163.1 |
| 1975-76 | 106.6 | 30.5 | 123.8 | 137.1 | 3,116.3 | 206.1 | 963.7 | 1,907.8 | 5,230.2 |
| 1975-76 - | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec. qtr | 24.5 | 7.0 | 28.8 | 31.5 | 690.1 | 44.3 | 191.1 | 345.0 | 1,079.4 |
| Mar. qtr | 26.6 | 7.5 | 31.0 | 34.1 | 796.0 | 56.4 | 236.2 | 422.3 | 1,274.7 |
| June qtr | 28.7 | 7.6 | 33.8 | 36.4 | 879.1 | 61.8 | 301.7 | 580.1 | 1,521.0 |
| 1976-77 - | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. qtr | 29.0 | 9.3 | 34.3 | 38.3 | 963.6 | 64.8 | 294.7 | 580.9 | 1,609.3 |
| Dec. qtr | 26.9 | 8.1 | 31.6 | 35.1 | 897.3 | 65.3 | 284.0 | 507.6 | 1,470.3 |
| Mar. qtr | 26.8 | 7.7 | 30.4 | 34.5 | 898.1 | 65.8 | 267.7 | 533.8 | 1,497.7 |
| SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (a) | | | | | | | | | |
| 1975-76 - | | | | | | | (b) | | |
| Dec. qtr | 26.2 | 7.8 | 30.7 | 33.7 | 767.4 | | 191.1 | 382.7 | 1,166.5 |
| Mar. qtr | 27.1 | 7.5 | 31.6 | 34.7 | 809.8 | | 236.2 | 414.4 | 1,268.8 |
| June qtr | 27.4 | 7.3 | 32.5 | 34.9 | 841.1 | | 301.7 | 599.1 | 1,445.6 |
| 1976-77 - | | | | | | n.a. | | | |
| Sept. qtr | 27.9 | 8.5 | 33.1 | 36.8 | 918.4 | | 294.7 | 576.4 | 1,578.8 |
| Dec. qtr | 28.9 | 9.1 | 33.6 | 37.7 | 973.1 | | 284.0 | 569.6 | 1,595.3 |
| Mar. qtr | 27.3 | 7.7 | 31.0 | 35.0 | 912.8 | | 267.7 | 524.0 | 1,490.0 |

(a) Revised following the annual re-analysis. (b) Series shows only insignificant seasonal pattern in recent years. Figures shown are the original figures.

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING COMPLETED : AUSTRALIA

| Period | Number of new dwellings ('000) | | | | Value (\$ million) | | | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|---------|-------|--------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------|---------|----------------|
| | Houses | Other dwellings | Private | Total | New dwellings | Alterations and additions to dwellings | Other building | | Total building |
| | | | | | | | Private | Total | |
| ORIGINAL | | | | | | | | | |
| 1973-74 | 104.9 | 43.1 | 132.6 | 150.0 | 2,143.0 | 55.6 | 1,031.8 | 1,532.6 | 3,731.1 |
| 1974-75 | 97.0 | 44.1 | 125.7 | 141.1 | 2,454.2 | 92.1 | 1,154.6 | 1,784.5 | 4,330.8 |
| 1975-76 | 99.9 | 32.1 | 112.3 | 132.0 | 2,799.3 | 169.7 | 1,249.6 | 2,266.6 | 5,235.7 |
| 1975-76 - | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec. qtr | 26.6 | 8.3 | 29.2 | 34.9 | 717.5 | 42.9 | 373.1 | 609.0 | 1,369.5 |
| Mar. qtr | 22.5 | 6.9 | 26.0 | 29.4 | 699.7 | 42.9 | 252.8 | 564.1 | 1,246.7 |
| June qtr | 27.4 | 9.2 | 31.1 | 36.7 | 818.7 | 36.1 | 330.3 | 578.5 | 1,447.4 |
| 1976-77 - | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. qtr | 28.6 | 8.7 | 33.1 | 37.3 | 882.2 | 60.9 | 324.0 | 585.0 | 1,528.0 |
| Dec. qtr | 30.1 | 8.9 | 35.2 | 39.1 | 977.2 | 65.2 | 329.1 | 601.0 | 1,643.4 |
| Mar. qtr | 24.5 | 7.6 | 29.2 | 32.1 | 824.2 | 57.3 | 335.3 | 586.1 | 1,468.2 |
| SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (a) | | | | | | | | | |
| 1975-76 - | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec. qtr | 24.4 | 7.7 | 26.9 | 32.1 | 656.8 | | 324.0 | 551.6 | 1,240.9 |
| Mar. qtr | 25.2 | 7.7 | 28.5 | 33.0 | 716.6 | | 288.8 | 576.2 | 1,343.4 |
| June qtr | 27.1 | 8.9 | 31.0 | 36.0 | 811.2 | | 331.5 | 611.7 | 1,483.3 |
| 1976-77 - | | | | | | n.a. | | | |
| Sept. qtr | 28.5 | 8.8 | 33.1 | 37.3 | 878.0 | | 332.4 | 602.3 | 1,539.4 |
| Dec. qtr | 27.6 | 8.2 | 32.4 | 35.8 | 893.1 | | 285.0 | 544.8 | 1,489.9 |
| Mar. qtr | 27.4 | 8.5 | 32.1 | 36.0 | 924.0 | | 383.5 | 598.1 | 1,581.0 |

(a) Revised, following the annual re-analysis.

VALUE OF WORK DONE : AUSTRALIA
\$ million

| Period | New dwellings | | | Alterations and additions to dwellings | Other building | | Total building |
|-------------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------|----------------------------------------|----------------|---------|----------------|
| | Houses | Other dwellings | Total | | Private | Total | |
| | | | | | | | |
| ORIGINAL | | | | | | | |
| 1973-74 | 1,835.8 | 552.7 | 2,388.5 | 63.0 | 1,181.3 | 1,763.4 | 4,214.9 |
| 1974-75 | 1,844.3 | 551.2 | 2,395.5 | 99.1 | 1,291.9 | 2,218.7 | 4,713.1 |
| 1975-76 | 2,480.3 | 563.1 | 3,043.4 | 190.7 | 1,214.3 | 2,348.5 | 5,582.6 |
| 1975-76 - | | | | | | | |
| Dec. qtr | 588.6 | 140.1 | 728.6 | 45.7 | 286.5 | 567.9 | 1,342.3 |
| Mar. qtr | 608.4 | 136.2 | 744.6 | 49.1 | 281.4 | 539.3 | 1,333.2 |
| June qtr | 720.4 | 152.3 | 872.7 | 57.1 | 332.3 | 619.6 | 1,549.3 |
| 1976-77 - | | | | | | | |
| Sept. qtr | 776.2 | 173.8 | 950.0 | 63.8 | 335.7 | 620.6 | 1,634.5 |
| Dec. qtr | 773.7 | 173.7 | 947.4 | 67.8 | 335.4 | 622.1 | 1,637.2 |
| Mar. qtr | 718.1 | 153.7 | 871.9 | 62.1 | 312.9 | 564.8 | 1,498.7 |
| SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (a) | | | | | | | |
| 1975-76 - | | | | | | | |
| Dec. qtr | 584.3 | 137.7 | 722.1 | | 284.5 | 558.5 | 1,325.4 |
| Mar. qtr | 652.9 | 145.7 | 797.5 | | 306.6 | 582.4 | 1,431.3 |
| June qtr | 707.7 | 152.7 | 859.9 | | 327.6 | 618.3 | 1,549.9 |
| 1976-77 - | | | | | | | |
| Sept. qtr | 744.3 | 165.8 | 911.8 | | 316.3 | 588.0 | 1,562.4 |
| Dec. qtr | 767.8 | 170.0 | 937.8 | | 333.4 | 612.1 | 1,615.5 |
| Mar. qtr | 770.5 | 164.4 | 933.9 | | 340.7 | 609.6 | 1,608.3 |

(a) Revised, following the annual re-analysis.

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING, MARCH QUARTER 1977

| State or Territory | Commenced | | Completed | | Under construction | | Value of work done during period | | Value of work yet to be done | |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|--------------------|---------|----------------------------------|---------|------------------------------|---------|
| | Private | Total | Private | Total | Private | Total | Private | Total | Private | Total |
| NUMBER OF NEW DWELLINGS ('000) | | | | | | | | | | |
| N.S.W. | 8.27 | 9.44 | 6.95 | 7.66 | 15.00 | 18.63 | | | | |
| Vic. | 8.06 | 8.67 | 7.50 | 7.98 | 22.35 | 24.56 | | | | |
| Qld | 5.41 | 5.87 | 5.48 | 5.94 | 6.68 | 7.42 | | | | |
| S.A. | 2.67 | 3.22 | 2.92 | 3.26 | 5.95 | 7.87 | | | | |
| W.A. | 4.58 | 4.93 | 4.88 | 5.20 | 7.55 | 8.21 | | | | |
| Tas. | 0.73 | 1.01 | 0.78 | 0.90 | 2.34 | 2.75 | | | | |
| N.T. | 0.12 | 0.51 | 0.20 | 0.51 | 0.38 | 1.15 | | | | |
| A.C.T. | 0.60 | 0.84 | 0.54 | 0.65 | 1.64 | 2.38 | | | | |
| Aust. | 30.44 | 34.49 | 29.25 | 32.10 | 61.89 | 73.17 | | | | |
| VALUE OF NEW HOUSES (\$ m) | | | | | | | | | | |
| N.S.W. | 173.4 | 184.0 | 141.8 | 148.8 | 273.1 | 300.3 | 158.4 | 166.0 | 143.2 | 157.8 |
| Vic. | 201.5 | 213.0 | 169.3 | 177.2 | 488.2 | 523.3 | 191.0 | 201.2 | 248.6 | 263.9 |
| Qld | 111.2 | 119.7 | 104.3 | 112.6 | 125.9 | 144.1 | 107.8 | 114.0 | 63.9 | 73.4 |
| S.A. | 63.2 | 70.4 | 66.5 | 72.3 | 125.4 | 152.6 | 69.8 | 76.4 | 63.7 | 74.5 |
| W.A. | 93.1 | 94.4 | 89.9 | 94.4 | 143.9 | 152.9 | 93.8 | 99.3 | 71.5 | 75.7 |
| Tas. | 17.2 | 21.7 | 18.4 | 20.3 | 45.3 | 52.2 | 16.7 | 20.0 | 23.2 | 26.7 |
| N.T. | 3.4 | 16.9 | 7.3 | 20.6 | 14.1 | 40.2 | 5.2 | 20.0 | 6.9 | 19.4 |
| A.C.T. | 16.5 | 20.4 | 17.7 | 20.0 | 45.5 | 56.4 | 18.4 | 21.3 | 23.6 | 29.9 |
| Aust. | 679.5 | 740.5 | 615.2 | 666.2 | 1,261.4 | 1,422.0 | 661.1 | 718.2 | 644.6 | 721.3 |
| VALUE OF NEW DWELLINGS (\$ m) | | | | | | | | | | |
| N.S.W. | 209.8 | 233.1 | 174.1 | 187.2 | 377.8 | 449.7 | 187.8 | 202.6 | 204.6 | 245.9 |
| Vic. | 228.8 | 241.6 | 199.4 | 209.0 | 615.8 | 663.8 | 228.3 | 240.4 | 309.5 | 328.6 |
| Qld | 130.1 | 140.2 | 143.6 | 152.6 | 171.3 | 191.4 | 131.8 | 139.1 | 84.4 | 94.9 |
| S.A. | 75.0 | 86.6 | 77.4 | 85.2 | 167.9 | 208.5 | 80.8 | 90.4 | 88.3 | 104.9 |
| W.A. | 119.5 | 127.3 | 116.0 | 123.0 | 202.5 | 217.6 | 120.7 | 128.1 | 99.2 | 105.9 |
| Tas. | 20.5 | 25.7 | 22.5 | 24.4 | 61.9 | 69.8 | 21.4 | 24.9 | 32.2 | 36.4 |
| N.T. | 3.9 | 17.8 | 7.5 | 21.5 | 14.9 | 42.4 | 5.6 | 20.8 | 7.3 | 20.2 |
| A.C.T. | 20.1 | 25.8 | 19.6 | 21.8 | 57.0 | 74.6 | 21.7 | 25.6 | 30.3 | 39.4 |
| Aust. | 807.7 | 898.1 | 760.1 | 824.8 | 1,669.1 | 1,917.8 | 798.1 | 871.9 | 855.8 | 976.2 |
| VALUE OF ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO DWELLINGS (\$ m) | | | | | | | | | | |
| N.S.W. | 24.8 | 24.8 | 21.3 | 21.4 | 27.1 | 27.2 | 22.8 | 22.9 | 13.2 | 13.2 |
| Vic. | 20.2 | 20.2 | 15.3 | 15.3 | 35.7 | 35.7 | 17.4 | 17.4 | 17.6 | 17.6 |
| Qld | 4.1 | 4.2 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 0.9 | 0.9 |
| S.A. | 4.6 | 4.6 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 2.6 | 2.6 |
| W.A. | 4.8 | 4.9 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 2.4 | 2.4 |
| Tas. | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| N.T. | 2.9 | 3.8 | 4.8 | 7.0 | 10.8 | 15.3 | 4.6 | 6.6 | 5.1 | 6.1 |
| A.C.T. | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 1.7 | 1.7 |
| Aust. | 64.7 | 65.8 | 54.9 | 57.3 | 90.4 | 95.0 | 59.8 | 62.1 | 44.0 | 45.0 |
| VALUE OF OTHER BUILDING (\$ m) | | | | | | | | | | |
| N.S.W. | 78.8 | 158.5 | 111.1 | 189.6 | 636.4 | 1,027.4 | 93.8 | 158.4 | 156.2 | 451.2 |
| Vic. | 73.3 | 116.7 | 91.6 | 149.6 | 666.4 | 684.9 | 80.2 | 124.6 | 174.2 | 350.5 |
| Qld | 40.9 | 68.6 | 47.6 | 81.7 | 203.5 | 473.6 | 60.4 | 109.8 | 80.0 | 200.8 |
| S.A. | 29.9 | 61.7 | 40.1 | 71.7 | 76.6 | 209.5 | 24.3 | 53.6 | 37.8 | 96.7 |
| W.A. | 22.0 | 50.4 | 28.4 | 52.7 | 53.5 | 207.9 | 25.4 | 51.0 | 25.3 | 122.1 |
| Tas. | 7.2 | 18.5 | 7.0 | 16.2 | 22.9 | 74.2 | 8.6 | 15.0 | 11.0 | 43.0 |
| N.T. | 5.5 | 12.6 | 5.8 | 19.7 | 17.9 | 136.9 | 7.0 | 19.3 | 10.1 | 62.5 |
| A.C.T. | 10.1 | 46.7 | 3.8 | 4.9 | 63.7 | 294.8 | 13.2 | 33.2 | 25.9 | 142.3 |
| Aust. | 267.7 | 533.8 | 335.4 | 586.1 | 1,240.9 | 3,109.2 | 312.9 | 564.8 | 520.5 | 1,469.2 |
| TOTAL VALUE OF BUILDING (\$ m) | | | | | | | | | | |
| N.S.W. | 313.3 | 416.5 | 306.5 | 398.2 | 841.3 | 1,504.3 | 304.4 | 383.8 | 374.0 | 710.3 |
| Vic. | 322.3 | 378.6 | 306.2 | 373.8 | 1,017.9 | 1,384.4 | 325.9 | 382.4 | 501.3 | 696.7 |
| Qld | 175.2 | 213.0 | 195.2 | 238.3 | 376.8 | 667.1 | 196.3 | 252.9 | 165.4 | 296.6 |
| S.A. | 109.6 | 152.9 | 120.7 | 160.0 | 249.6 | 423.1 | 108.8 | 147.7 | 128.7 | 204.2 |
| W.A. | 146.3 | 182.6 | 147.9 | 179.3 | 261.0 | 430.5 | 150.4 | 183.4 | 126.9 | 230.5 |
| Tas. | 28.2 | 44.7 | 29.9 | 41.3 | 85.8 | 145.1 | 30.5 | 40.4 | 43.6 | 79.9 |
| N.T. | 12.3 | 34.2 | 18.0 | 48.1 | 43.7 | 194.5 | 17.2 | 46.7 | 22.5 | 88.8 |
| A.C.T. | 33.1 | 75.3 | 25.8 | 29.2 | 124.2 | 372.9 | 37.5 | 61.3 | 57.8 | 183.4 |
| Aust. | 1,140.3 | 1,497.7 | 1,180.2 | 1,468.2 | 3,080.3 | 5,121.9 | 1,171.0 | 1,498.7 | 1,420.2 | 2,498.4 |

NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY PRIVATE ENTERPRISES, ASIC SUB-DIVISION AND TYPE OF ASSET (\$ million)

These statistics are designed primarily to measure trends in expenditure by private enterprises, on new fixed tangible assets. The statistics in this table differ somewhat from the item *Gross fixed capital expenditure* in the table on page 36 of this publication as a result of the different methods of compilation of the two sets of statistics.

ASIC Sub-division

Manufacturing

| Quarter | Mining (11-16) | Food beverage and tobacco (21,22) | Textiles, clothing and footwear (23,24) | Paper, paper products, printing and publishing (26) | Chemicals petroleum and coal products (27) | Basic metal products (29) | Transport equipment (32) | Fabricated metal products (a) (31,33) | Other (b) (25,28,34) | Total (21-34) |
|-----------|-------------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| 1975-76 - | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mar. | 136.9 | 70.1 | 11.3 | 23.8 | 31.3 | 64.6 | 30.2 | 37.8 | 63.2 | 332.3 |
| June | 153.7 | 104.5 | 13.0 | 31.2 | 55.8 | 78.6 | 24.6 | 69.7 | 73.8 | 453.2 |
| 1976-77 - | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. | 119.7 | 92.3 | 11.3 | 24.3 | 45.9 | 64.9 | 35.9 | 52.3 | 64.1 | 391.0 |
| Dec. | 120.9 | 103.1 | 15.6 | 30.7 | 58.2 | 79.9 | 45.8 | 61.0 | 79.2 | 474.0 |
| Mar. | 108.5 | 86.6 | 8.2 | 30.4 | 51.7 | 55.6 | 38.1 | 52.4 | 64.5 | 386.5 |
| June | 140.5 | 123.5 | 11.6 | 35.7 | 63.6 | 63.6 | 54.1 | 66.0 | 77.9 | 496.0 |

ASIC Sub-division

Type of asset

| Quarter | Non-manufacturing | | | | Total new capital expenditure (d) | | New buildings and structures (e) | | Other new capital equipment (f) | |
|-----------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| | Electricity, gas and water | Wholesale and retail trade | Transport | All other (c) | Original | Seasonally adjusted | Original | Seasonally adjusted | Original | Seasonally adjusted |
| | (36,37) | (46-48) | (51-53) | (56,61-63, 91-93) | (11-37,46- 63,91-93) | | | | | |
| 1975-76 - | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mar. | 6.8 | 147.9 | 83.2 | 428.9 | 1,136.0 | 1,315.2 | 360.4 | 431.2 | 775.6 | 872.1 |
| June | 8.9 | 217.4 | 92.8 | 574.2 | 1,500.3 | 1,811.4 | 447.7 | 428.2 | 1,052.5 | 995.8 |
| 1976-77 - | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. | 8.5 | 216.5 | 57.2 | 559.0 | 1,351.9 | 1,361.4 | 459.7 | 446.6 | 892.2 | 900.0 |
| Dec. | 10.7 | 237.9 | 110.0 | 620.6 | 1,594.1 | 1,476.0 | 467.4 | 420.4 | 1,126.7 | 1,061.2 |
| Mar. | 4.7 | 208.7 | 63.7 | 515.1 | 1,287.2 | 1,489.1 | 365.6 | 437.4 | 921.6 | 1,035.3 |
| June | 6.5 | 277.9 | 58.9 | 613.1 | 1,622.9 | 1,527.5 | 486.8 | 465.7 | 1,136.1 | 1,075.6 |

(a) Fabricated metal products, other industrial machinery and equipment and household appliances. (b) Wood, wood products and furniture (except sheet metal), glass, clay and other non-metallic mineral products, leather, rubber and plastic products, and other manufacturing, n.e.c. (c) Finance, insurance, real estate, business services, communication, entertainment, recreation, restaurants, hotels and personal services. (d) Excludes community services and construction. (e) Includes assets such as buildings, wharves, railway and harbor construction, roads and also lifts, heating and ventilation equipment and the like forming an integral part of the structure. Also included is the value of expenditure on mine development (e.g. construction of shafts in underground mines, preparation of mining and quarrying sites for open-cut extraction other developmental operations undertaken primarily for commencing or extending production). (f) Includes vehicles, electrical apparatus, office equipment, furniture, fixtures and fittings not forming an integral part of buildings, durable containers, special tooling, etc.

INCREASE IN BOOK VALUE OF STOCKS HELD BY PRIVATE ENTERPRISES (\$ million)

These statistics are designed primarily to measure trends in investment in stocks by private enterprises. The statistics in this table differ somewhat from the item *Increase in stocks* in the table on page 36 as a result of the different methods of compilation of these two sets of statistics.

Increase in book value of stocks for selected ASIC sub-divisions

| Quarter | Mining (11-16) | Manufacturing (21-34) | Wholesale trade (46,47) | Retail trade (a) (56,37,48,92) | Total (11-37,46-48,92) | Less stock valuation adjustment (b) | Increase in stocks after stock valuation adjustment (b) |
|-----------|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1975-76 - | | | | | | | |
| June | +27 | +269 | +152 | +106 | +554 | +444 | +110 |
| 1976-77 - | | | | | | | |
| Sept. (a) | +15 | +269 | +68 | +296 | +648 | +303 | +345 |
| Dec. | +22 | +138 | +265 | +114 | +539 | +430 | +129 |
| Mar. | +26 | +451 | +189 | +140 | +806 | +477 | +329 |
| June p | +3 | +433 | +198 | +149 | +773 | +269 | +504 |

(a) Includes electricity and gas, restaurants, hotels and clubs. (b) Informants are asked to report the book value of their stocks at the end of each quarter according to their normal principles of valuing stocks for balance sheet purposes. Increases in the book value of stocks between the beginning and end of a quarter will partly reflect changes in the physical quantities of all component items and partly changes in prices at which stocks are valued. A stock valuation adjustment is deducted from the increase in book value of stocks to arrive at the increase in stocks valued at the average price of the quarter. (c) Each year the framework and the samples are revised. For reasons of comparability estimates are prepared for both the original sample and revised sample.

PRODUCTION

MINE PRODUCTION OF SELECTED MINERALS

| Period | Copper (a) | Lead (a) | Zinc (a) | Tin (a) | Nickel (a) | Bauxite | Iron ore | Gold (a) (b) | Mineral sands concentrates | | |
|-----------|---------------|-------------|-------------|------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------------------|---------|---------|
| | | | | | | | | | Titanite | Rutile | Zircon |
| | tonnes | tonnes | tonnes | tonnes | tonnes | '000 tonnes | '000 tonnes | kg | tonnes | tonnes | tonnes |
| 1974-75 | 235,590 | 416,300 | 508,174 | 10,168 | 59,109 | 22,205 | 98,159 | 15,061 | 891,090 | 334,205 | 392,751 |
| 1975-76 | 217,604 | 390,947 | 467,586 | 9,096 | 81,030 | 21,084 | 92,672 | 17,479 | 948,792 | 362,769 | 384,823 |
| 1976-77 | 211,262 | 415,332 | 474,733 | 10,329 | | 25,469 | 35,602 | 15,388 | 1,048,228 | 380,679 | 420,160 |
| 1975-76 - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May | 17,492 | 31,107 | 37,063 | 867 | 20,151 | 5,984 | 21,804 | 1,031 | 86,857 | 28,574 | 33,966 |
| June | 17,042 | 38,619 | 44,672 | 990 | | | | 1,561 | 66,979 | 36,336 | 33,031 |
| 1976-77 - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 18,778 | 36,886 | 41,440 | 970 | 22,149 | 6,246 | 25,061 | 1,087 | 93,814 | 32,211 | 35,541 |
| Aug. | 18,298 | 38,557 | 43,030 | 837 | | | | 1,378 | 101,132 | 31,704 | 36,711 |
| Sept. | 17,000 | 38,974 | 43,572 | 773 | | | | 1,352 | 81,447 | 37,248 | 35,903 |
| Oct. | 17,098 | 34,684 | 39,906 | 839 | | | | 1,261 | 81,129 | 31,013 | 35,817 |
| Nov. | 17,372 | 37,093 | 44,848 | 820 | 15,837 | 6,249 | 23,823 | 1,062 | 87,001 | 31,850 | 36,717 |
| Dec. | 16,771 | 26,775 | 30,967 | 902 | | | | 1,241 | 98,764 | 41,577 | 41,504 |
| Jan. | 16,224 | 22,066 | 25,245 | 900 | | | | 964 | 88,047 | 21,224 | 27,841 |
| Feb. | 15,674 | 31,443 | 39,269 | 751 | | | | 1,199 | 83,194 | 29,641 | 30,206 |
| Mar. | 18,259 | 38,743 | 46,591 | 889 | 18,825 | 6,245 | 24,940 | 1,399 | 89,307 | 35,145 | 37,482 |
| Apr. | 18,000 | 31,608 | 35,390 | 832 | | | | 1,200 | 77,873 | 26,299 | 30,363 |
| May | 18,929 | 38,258 | 41,468 | 900 | | | | 1,188 | 80,089 | 27,329 | 33,238 |
| June | 18,859 | 40,245 | 43,007 | 916 | | | | 1,929 | 80,431 | 35,438 | 38,837 |
| 1977-78 - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 19,489 | 39,097 | 44,521 | 822 | | | | 2,312 | | | |

(a) Quantities shown are metallic contents of mine products based on chemical assay. (b) Western Australian and Northern Territory gold production figures (in respect of major producers) normally relate to a four-week period ending in the calendar month indicated. However, two such periods ended in the calendar month of March 1977 for Western Australia and June 1976 for the Northern Territory.

PRODUCTION OF SELECTED MINERALS AND METALS

| Period | Fuel minerals | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|---------------|---------------------|-------------|-----------|--------------|-------------|---------------|------------|--------------------|----------|---------|----------|--|
| | Black coal | | Brown coal | Crude oil | Natural gas | Alumina (b) | Aluminium (b) | Copper (b) | Refined metals (a) | | | | |
| | Original | Seasonally adjusted | | | | | | | Lead (b) (c) | Zinc (b) | Tin (b) | Gold (b) | |
| | '000 tonnes | '000 tonnes | '000 tonnes | '000 cu m | million cu m | '000 tonnes | tonnes | tonnes | tonnes | tonnes | tonnes | kg | |
| 1974-75 | 70,142 | .. | 27,514 | 23,096 | 4,360 | 5,073 | 222,876 | 178,451 | 170,508 | 243,209 | 5,973 | 10,744 | |
| 1975-76 | 69,466 | .. | 29,210 | 23,891 | 5,388 | 5,618 | 220,027 | 164,279 | 168,183 | 204,534 | 5,386 | 12,829 | |
| 1976-77 | 75,678 | .. | 31,028 | 24,555 | 6,365 | 6,474 | 236,943 | 154,104 | 165,582 | 258,564 | 5,373 | 11,127 | |
| 1975-76 - | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May | 6,592 | 5,978 | 2,525 | 2,115 | 524 | 548 | 19,765 | 13,191 | 17,264 | 20,755 | 467 | 720 | |
| June | 7,095 | 6,450 | 2,701 | 2,009 | 553 | 505 | 18,968 | 12,636 | 15,270 | 18,248 | 470 | 912 | |
| 1976-77 - | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 6,859 | 6,138 | 2,709 | 2,217 | 575 | 549 | 19,875 | 12,658 | 18,006 | 23,602 | 533 | 940 | |
| Aug. | 5,165 | 5,875 | 2,852 | 2,173 | 578 | 571 | 20,218 | 15,301 | 17,500 | 23,578 | 440 | 731 | |
| Sept. | 6,629 | 6,808 | 2,994 | 2,142 | 575 | 539 | 19,335 | 13,870 | 15,897 | 23,434 | 695 | 999 | |
| Oct. | 6,793 | 6,281 | 2,611 | 1,920 | 533 | 543 | 20,242 | 12,186 | 16,446 | 23,197 | 451 | 1,211 | |
| Nov. | 7,618 | 6,249 | 2,603 | 1,765 | 473 | 482 | 19,483 | 11,309 | 14,583 | 21,104 | 496 | 976 | |
| Dec. | 4,807 | 5,199 | 2,260 | 1,983 | 470 | 605 | 20,058 | 11,806 | 15,205 | 20,940 | 405 | 768 | |
| Jan. | 3,715 | 6,294 | 1,976 | 2,097 | 411 | 563 | 19,833 | 8,490 | 13,754 | 20,806 | 161 | 740 | |
| Feb. | 6,724 | 6,549 | 2,040 | 1,897 | 463 | 514 | 18,015 | 13,381 | 13,292 | 17,558 | 393 | 842 | |
| Mar. | 7,149 | 6,600 | 2,349 | 2,167 | 514 | 557 | 20,154 | 14,728 | 13,888 | 19,390 | 570 | 629 | |
| Apr. | 5,497 | 6,331 | 2,671 | 1,834 | 521 | 531 | 19,769 | 11,587 | 8,652 | 22,100 | 394 | 1,081 | |
| May | 7,206 | 6,259 | 2,716 | 2,214 | 601 | 529 | 20,201 | 13,113 | 1,820 | 20,628 | 358 | 864 | |
| June | 7,517 | 6,831 | 3,015 | 2,146 | 651 | 492 | 19,760 | 15,675 | 16,539 | 22,227 | 477 | 1,346 | |
| 1977-78 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 6,954 | 6,305 | 2,885 | 2,165 | 711 | | | 10,714 | 18,550 | 22,021 | 422 | | |

(.) Primary origin only. (b) Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources. (c) Refined lead including lead content of lead alloys from primary sources; excludes lead content of lead silver bullion produced for export.

PRODUCTION OF ENERGY, IRON AND STEEL AND BUILDING MATERIALS

| Period | Heat, light and power | | | | Iron and steel | | | | |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| | Gas available for use through mains (a) | | Total electricity generated | | Pig iron | | Iron ore pellets (b) | Raw steel (c) | |
| | Original | Seasonally adjusted | Original | Seasonally adjusted | Original | Seasonally adjusted | | Original | Seasonally adjusted |
| | million megajoules | million megajoules | million kWh | million kWh | '000 tonnes | '000 tonnes | '000 tonnes | '000 tonnes | '000 tonnes |
| 1974-75p | 182,825 | .. | 73,933 | .. | 7,598 | .. | 9,614 | 8,063 | .. |
| 1975-76p | 203,623 | .. | 76,597 | .. | 7,519 | .. | 9,980 | 7,937 | .. |
| 1976-77p | 233,138 | .. | 82,532 | .. | 6,958 | .. | 9,761 | 7,473 | .. |
| 1975-76p - June | 20,983 | 18,120 | 7,201 | 6,561 | 663 | 707 | 883 | 675 | 732 |
| 1976-77p - July | 22,132 | 18,445 | 7,601 | 6,636 | 675 | 661 | 780 | 695 | 668 |
| Aug. | 22,470 | 18,980 | 7,581 | 6,811 | 629 | 612 | 784 | 634 | 618 |
| Sept. | 20,870 | 19,479 | 7,090 | 6,876 | 605 | 601 | 663 | 631 | 627 |
| Oct. | 20,077 | 19,633 | 6,841 | 6,879 | 571 | 549 | 822 | 635 | 600 |
| Nov. | 17,384 | 18,604 | 6,408 | 6,741 | 495 | 508 | 736 | 554 | 531 |
| Dec. | 16,574 | 19,335 | 6,435 | 5,869 | 555 | 526 | 831 | 624 | 601 |
| Jan. | 15,244 | 19,191 | 6,176 | 5,907 | 604 | 588 | 967 | 679 | 686 |
| Feb. | 16,177 | 19,390 | 6,138 | 6,973 | 527 | 575 | 886 | 566 | 623 |
| Mar. | 18,275 | 19,715 | 6,717 | 6,873 | 580 | 570 | 815 | 564 | 549 |
| Apr. | 18,621 | 19,739 | 6,470 | 6,949 | 574 | 600 | 878 | 637 | 683 |
| May | 21,569 | 20,048 | 7,312 | 7,119 | 601 | 592 | 940 | 651 | 643 |
| June | 23,856 | 20,705 | 7,763 | 7,097 | 541 | 582 | 659 | 603 | 665 |
| 1977-78 p - July | 25,672 | 21,538 | 8,155 | 7,221 | 508 | 497 | 709 | 588 | 571 |
| Aug. | 23,292 | 19,471 | 7,780 | 6,877 | 613 | 594 | 834 | 619 | 601 |

| Period | Iron and steel - continued | | | | Building materials | | | |
|-----------------|----------------------------|---------------------|----------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Blooms and slabs | | Tinplate | | Clay bricks | | Roofing tiles (terracotta and concrete) | Sawn Aust. grown timber (d) |
| | Original | Seasonally adjusted | Original | Seasonally adjusted | Original | Seasonally adjusted | | |
| | '000 tonnes | '000 tonnes | tonnes | tonnes | million | million | '000 | '000 cu. metres |
| 1974-75p | 6,215 | .. | 311,023 | .. | 1,698 | .. | 200,080 | 3,431 |
| 1975-76p | 5,566 | .. | 282,241 | .. | 1,834 | .. | 218,645 | 3,462 |
| 1976-77p | 6,028 | .. | 340,556 | .. | 2,042 | .. | 229,428 | 3,468 |
| 1975-76p - June | 487 | 504 | 26,854 | 27,441 | 173 | 162 | 19,964 | 345 |
| 1976-77p - July | 494 | 478 | 27,101 | 27,104 | 176 | 166 | 20,563 | 305 |
| Aug. | 478 | 471 | 28,518 | 27,176 | 183 | 168 | 20,270 | 298 |
| Sept. | 462 | 442 | 25,535 | 25,881 | 181 | 167 | 21,781 | 318 |
| Oct. | 501 | 477 | 29,075 | 28,197 | 183 | 174 | 22,761 | 325 |
| Nov. | 458 | 435 | 28,977 | 27,762 | 193 | 179 | 22,850 | 292 |
| Dec. | 505 | 490 | 26,693 | 27,530 | 157 | 173 | 17,333 | 263 |
| Jan. | 483 | 482 | 29,856 | 29,059 | 108 | 184 | 8,008 | 195 |
| Feb. | 391 | 425 | 26,251 | 29,714 | 168 | 173 | 18,677 | 259 |
| Mar. | 517 | 520 | 29,932 | 29,629 | 181 | 165 | 20,454 | 278 |
| Apr. | 569 | 617 | 29,272 | 29,019 | 163 | 171 | 16,344 | 306 |
| May | 597 | 616 | 29,850 | 29,191 | 175 | 162 | 20,496 | 312 |
| June | 573 | 595 | 29,496 | 30,757 | 175 | 168 | 19,891 | 313 |
| 1977-78p - July | 535 | 527 | 29,473 | 29,092 | 171 | 166 | 18,947 | 317 |
| Aug. | 549 | 539 | 29,591 | 28,745 | 181 | 161 | 19,513 | 290 |

(a) Includes natural gas. (b) Gross wet weight. (c) Includes recovery from scrap. (d) Source: Australian Forestry and Timber Bureau. Figures are expressed in terms of green off-sawn volumes.

**PRODUCTION OF BUILDING MATERIALS, BUILDING FITTINGS,
FLOOR COVERINGS AND HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES**

| Period | Building materials - continued | | | | | | Household appliances | | | | | |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|--|
| | Portland cement | | Plaster sheets (non-acoustic) | Plaster of paris | Building fittings | | | Floor coverings (a) | | Electric blankets (including mattress overlays) (b) | Electric propeller type fans (complete) (c) | |
| | Original | Seasonally adjusted | | | Baths C.I.P.E. and other | Wash baths earthenware | Sinks stainless steel | Original | Seasonally adjusted | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | '000 tonnes | '000 tonnes | '000 sq.m. | '000 tonnes | No. | No. | No. | '000 sq.m. | '000 sq.m. | No. | No. | |
| 1974-75p | 5,086 | .. | 41,911 | 336 | 174,565 | 273,883 | 205,533 | 31,468 | .. | 737,580 | 616,358 | |
| 1975-76p | 5,007 | .. | 46,076 | 353 | 180,629 | 355,120 | 243,862 | 30,545 | .. | 520,574 | 533,323 | |
| 1976-77p | 5,039 | .. | 50,508 | | 178,694 | 309,190 | 259,683 | 34,582 | | 599,117 | 499,210 | |
| 1975-76p - June | 414 | 413 | 4,704 | | 16,818 | 30,840 | 22,479 | 2,942 | 2,973 | 39,942 | 25,672 | |
| 1976-77 p - | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 470 | 435 | 4,254 | 104.3 | 15,105 | 25,859 | 24,844 | 3,235 | 3,063 | 18,999 | 27,508 | |
| Aug. | 439 | 422 | 4,212 | | 15,899 | 27,476 | 24,767 | 3,071 | 2,903 | 19,838 | 31,251 | |
| Sept. | 432 | 416 | 3,146 | | 17,158 | 27,317 | 25,806 | 3,650 | 3,107 | 39,030 | 72,400 | |
| Oct. | 443 | 412 | 4,392 | 105.0 | 18,321 | 27,723 | 24,535 | 3,222 | 2,924 | 48,709 | 75,476 | |
| Nov. | 436 | 409 | 4,606 | | 14,824 | 26,971 | 28,167 | 3,243 | 2,944 | 54,575 | 67,044 | |
| Dec. | 434 | 425 | 4,642 | | 12,460 | 21,769 | 21,251 | 2,593 | 2,785 | 43,227 | 40,542 | |
| Jan. | 282 | 417 | 1,458 | 80.6 | 3,269 | 13,019 | 5,820 | 1,366 | 3,027 | 20,483 | 19,494 | |
| Feb. | 409 | 436 | 3,977 | | 15,837 | 26,025 | 21,505 | 2,901 | 2,920 | 57,824 | 34,693 | |
| Mar. | 410 | 391 | 5,059 | | 18,457 | 32,370 | 23,045 | 3,366 | 2,890 | 85,783 | 46,244 | |
| Apr. | 434 | 442 | 3,427 | 96.8 | 13,594 | 29,986 | 17,373 | 2,687 | 2,976 | 57,705 | 23,593 | |
| May | 421 | 389 | 4,545 | | 17,519 | 30,092 | 22,280 | 2,642 | 2,432 | 80,674 | 29,649 | |
| June | 429 | 428 | 4,790 | | 16,251 | 26,583 | 19,290 | 2,607 | 2,657 | 70,970 | 31,316 | |
| 1977-78 p - | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 461 | 429 | 4,096 | | 16,168 | 24,927 | 21,225 | 2,542 | 2,462 | 37,568 | 22,901 | |
| Aug. | 430 | 421 | 4,960 | | 16,621 | 27,093 | 22,098 | 3,244 | 2,955 | 31,171 | 36,599 | |

Household appliances - continued

| Period | Domestic cooking stoves | | | Domestic refrigerators | | Domestic clothes washing machines | | Hot water jugs and kettles |
|------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| | Solid fuel | Gas (d) upright or elevated | Electric (a) | Original | Seasonally adjusted | Original | Seasonally adjusted | |
| | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | |
| 1974-75p | 4,751 | 106,301 | 307,626 | 222,016 | .. | 314,816 | .. | 543,890 |
| 1975-76p | 4,184 | 109,608 | 335,570 | 240,276 | .. | 354,779 | .. | 655,371 |
| 1976-77p | 3,801 | 109,197 | 306,861 | 266,228 | .. | 298,689 | .. | 610,633 |
| 1975-76p - June | 391 | 7,458 | 28,475 | 22,482 | 24,809 | 28,765 | 28,121 | 69,439 |
| 1976-77p - July | 612 | 9,477 | 32,687 | 24,642 | 24,246 | 30,450 | 27,261 | 53,050 |
| Aug. | 314 | 9,062 | 31,236 | 26,302 | 24,838 | 29,886 | 27,123 | 53,799 |
| Sept. | 349 | 10,985 | 28,570 | 27,932 | 23,310 | 27,325 | 22,340 | 65,826 |
| Oct. | 341 | 9,237 | 30,231 | 26,723 | 23,918 | 28,337 | 25,966 | 66,684 |
| Nov. | 333 | 10,835 | 29,092 | 25,564 | 21,226 | 30,463 | 26,626 | 69,638 |
| Dec. | 272 | 7,510 | 22,105 | 16,054 | 15,855 | 21,223 | 24,898 | 64,469 |
| Jan. | 48 | 1,680 | 12,024 | 13,088 | 17,047 | 12,759 | 25,572 | 16,542 |
| Feb. | 225 | 9,322 | 25,017 | 21,717 | 22,385 | 22,742 | 24,182 | 37,592 |
| Mar. | 284 | 11,020 | 28,128 | 24,408 | 22,104 | 25,637 | 21,824 | 47,647 |
| Apr. | 246 | 10,100 | 19,196 | 15,479 | 19,568 | 16,908 | 21,220 | 42,707 |
| May | 351 | 10,394 | 23,825 | 21,599 | 25,210 | 26,632 | 25,190 | 46,415 |
| June | 426 | 9,556 | 24,750 | 23,200 | 24,961 | 26,327 | 25,595 | 46,244 |
| 1977-78 p - July | 328 | 8,890 | 25,660 | 22,905 | 23,691 | 25,532 | 23,731 | 41,876 |
| Aug. | 330 | 10,676 | 27,990 | 26,800 | 23,607 | 27,437 | 23,701 | 56,254 |

(a) Excludes undercuts and underlays. (b) Excludes heating pads. (c) Excludes fans incorporated in other equipment or used with ducting. (d) Town, liquefied petroleum and natural gas stoves and ranges. Includes wall ovens. (e) Includes fixed ranges, wall ovens, cooking tops, grill-boilers and other ranges.

**PRODUCTION OF HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES, ELECTRIC MOTOR-5, ENGINES,
DAIRY PRODUCTS, MEAT, AND POULTRY SLAUGHTERED**

| Period | Household appliances - continued | | | | | Electric motors | | | | Internal combustion engines - petrol (c) | |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|---------------|------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| | Radios and radiograms | | Television sets (a) | | Room air- conditioners (b) | Under 1 hp | | 1 hp and over | | Original | Seasonally adjusted |
| | Original | Seasonally adjusted | Original | Seasonally adjusted | | Original | Seasonally adjusted | Original | Seasonally adjusted | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | No. | No. | |
| 1974-75p | 284,718 | .. | 465,401 | .. | 73,466 | 4,083 | .. | 415 | .. | 374,230 | .. |
| 1975-76p | 80,164 | .. | 531,806 | .. | 52,245 | 3,765 | .. | 317 | .. | 358,790 | .. |
| 1976-77p | 78,894 | .. | 525,202 | .. | 64,259 | 2,922 | .. | 315 | .. | 291,596 | .. |
| 1975-76 - 1 year | 4,277 | 4,492 | 43,730 | 41,971 | 4,059 | 323 | 305 | 23.2 | 25.9 | 25,981 | 42,423 |
| 1976-77p - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 4,145 | 3,815 | 44,652 | 40,758 | 4,932 | 280 | 269 | 28.5 | 27.1 | 25,881 | 25,104 |
| Aug. | 2,831 | 2,696 | 47,158 | 42,928 | 5,321 | 298 | 270 | 33.3 | 28.5 | 26,288 | 21,858 |
| Sept. | 3,402 | 2,838 | 53,245 | 46,146 | 6,664 | 305 | 262 | 30.7 | 26.9 | 42,539 | 28,634 |
| Oct. | 2,592 | 2,289 | 50,226 | 45,314 | 8,001 | 286 | 254 | 30.7 | 26.2 | 42,456 | 26,769 |
| Nov. | 3,135 | 2,214 | 54,884 | 47,599 | 8,044 | 321 | 270 | 31.6 | 27.1 | 37,964 | 25,991 |
| Dec. | 1,889 | 1,733 | 42,734 | 48,707 | 8,057 | 239 | 246 | 28.2 | 29.6 | 31,714 | 32,211 |
| Jan. | 1,020 | 2,524 | 16,917 | 48,982 | 3,951 | 98 | 193 | 8.8 | 24.7 | 17,675 | 24,693 |
| Feb. | 2,687 | 3,080 | 46,486 | 47,715 | 4,049 | 211 | 233 | 24.5 | 23.1 | 18,958 | 21,019 |
| Mar. | 2,801 | 2,774 | 47,882 | 42,601 | 5,290 | 260 | 233 | 29.5 | 25.9 | 16,166 | 21,581 |
| Apr. | 1,959 | 2,578 | 37,260 | 41,697 | 2,979 | 185 | 224 | 22.7 | 26.1 | 12,520 | 17,117 |
| May | 1,148 | 1,149 | 38,925 | 35,195 | 3,566 | 195 | 195 | 24.4 | 23.8 | 5,575 | 10,671 |
| June | 1,785 | 1,335 | 42,833 | 39,877 | 3,405 | 244 | 229 | 22.0 | 24.7 | 13,860 | 22,629 |
| 1977-78p - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 1,444 | 1,377 | 41,597 | 40,649 | 3,624 | 234 | 228 | 25.7 | 24.5 | 33,582 | 32,434 |
| Aug. | 1,574 | 1,453 | 37,162 | 32,980 | 5,052 | 258 | 225 | 29.5 | 25.1 | 39,399 | 33,001 |

| Period | Dairy products (factory production) | | | | | Meat (carcass weight) | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------------------------|--|
| | Whole milk for all purposes | | Processed full cream milk products | | | Beef and veal | | | | Total | | Dressed weight of poultry slaughtered (f) | |
| | Original | Seasonally adjusted | Butter (d) | Cheese (e) | million litres (g) | Mutton | Lamb | Pigmeat | Original | Seasonally adjusted | Original | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| million litres | million litres | tonnes | tonnes | million litres (g) | '000 tonnes | '000 tonnes | '000 tonnes | '000 tonnes | '000 tonnes | '000 tonnes | '000 tonnes | '000 tonnes | |
| 1974-75 | 6,496.8 | .. | 161,274 | 98,630 | 626.6 | 1,547.0 | 257.8 | 269.3 | 175.1 | 2,249.2 | .. | 189.4 | |
| 1975-76 | 6,248.2 | .. | 147,635 | 112,617 | 630.8 | 1,840.4 | 325.5 | 262.2 | 173.8 | 2,602.0 | .. | 204.2 | |
| 1976-77p | 5,740.5 | .. | 118,092 | 103,607 | 733.9 | 1,934.0 | 308.1 | 242.6 | 184.6 | 2,669.4 | .. | 217.1 | |
| 1975-76 - | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May | 2,229.8 | 423.6 | 424.4 | 2,180 | 20.7 | 178.0 | 25.8 | 21.2 | 14.9 | 243.9 | 247.0 | 18.2 | |
| June | 2,233.3 | 427.7 | 2,130 | 3,382 | 21.2 | 172.6 | 35.5 | 21.6 | 15.2 | 234.9 | 225.5 | 17.9 | |
| 1976-77p - | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 294.7 | 440.7 | 3,807 | 4,671 | 39.0 | 171.4 | 23.7 | 22.0 | 16.1 | 233.1 | 223.1 | 19.5 | |
| Aug. | 436.5 | 452.2 | 8,160 | 7,854 | 60.0 | 157.7 | 23.0 | 21.1 | 16.0 | 217.8 | 220.0 | 17.5 | |
| Sept. | 573.9 | 467.4 | 12,498 | 10,464 | 82.3 | 160.5 | 35.3 | 22.4 | 15.9 | 224.1 | 210.6 | 17.0 | |
| Oct. | 739.9 | 494.7 | 17,364 | 13,152 | 115.0 | 148.2 | 25.8 | 22.5 | 14.7 | 211.2 | 200.5 | 18.0 | |
| Nov. | 763.7 | 493.0 | 19,595 | 13,992 | 90.3 | 140.0 | 29.3 | 24.4 | 15.9 | 209.5 | 205.6 | 17.2 | |
| Dec. | 718.4 | 490.1 | 17,236 | 13,235 | 101.8 | 136.7 | 31.3 | 20.2 | 16.5 | 204.7 | 209.9 | 18.4 | |
| Jan. | 594.5 | 490.5 | 13,610 | 11,636 | 71.4 | 137.8 | 29.5 | 18.5 | 12.5 | 198.3 | 234.4 | 16.6 | |
| Feb. | 442.8 | 493.9 | 8,645 | 8,751 | 57.2 | 163.5 | 32.9 | 19.1 | 13.5 | 229.0 | 244.4 | 16.3 | |
| Mar. | 409.4 | 510.6 | 7,884 | 7,190 | 48.7 | 183.1 | 29.6 | 19.9 | 16.3 | 248.9 | 232.8 | 18.9 | |
| Apr. | 308.5 | 481.1 | 4,720 | 5,438 | 31.9 | 163.8 | 22.4 | 17.5 | 14.3 | 218.1 | 236.8 | 18.2 | |
| May | 242.2 | 144.4 | 2,678 | 3,888 | 19.0 | 180.9 | 20.0 | 17.7 | 15.6 | 234.1 | 227.7 | 19.0 | |
| June | 216.0 | 417.8 | 1,893 | 3,335 | 17.3 | 190.5 | 15.3 | 17.4 | 17.3 | 240.6 | 227.4 | 19.7 | |
| 1977-78p - | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 259.4 | 388.2 | 3,116 | 3,988 | 31.7 | 187.2 | 15.1 | 19.2 | 17.1 | 218.7 | 234.4 | 19.7 | |
| Aug. | 390.5 | 359.4 | 7,700 | .. | 55.6 | 184.7 | 17.0 | 21.6 | 17.5 | 240.8 | 233.1 | 19.5 | |
| Sept. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 189.9 | 20.8 | 25.2 | 18.4 | 252.3 | 236.7 | .. | |

(a) Includes combinations with radio and/or record player. (b) Includes package unit air conditioners. (c) Excludes motor car, motor cycle, truck, tractor, aero, etc., and marine engines. (d) Includes the butter equivalent of butter oil production. Source: Commonwealth Dairy Producers Equalization Committee Ltd and State Departments of Agriculture. (e) As reported by Commonwealth Dairy Producers Equalization Committee Ltd and by producers not within the equalization scheme. (f) Dressed weight of all birds (chickens, other fowls, ducks and drakes, and turkeys) including pieces and giblets. (g) Whole milk equivalent.

PRODUCTION OF FLOUR, SUGAR, BEER, TOBACCO, CHEMICALS, MOTOR VEHICLES AND TYRES

| Chemicals and allied products | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Period | Wheaten flour | Refined sugar (a) | Beer (b) | | Tobacco and cigarettes | | Sulphuric acid (100%) | | Super phosphate (d) | Sulphate of ammonia | Paints | |
| | | | Original | Seasonally adjusted | Original (c) | Seasonally adjusted | Original | Seasonally adjusted | | | Ready mixed paints and enamels | Lacquers nitro-cellulose |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1974-75p | 1,263 | 729.1 | 1,957 | .. | 31,729 | .. | 1,770 | .. | 3,309 | 266 | 81.3 | 4,886 |
| 1975-76p | 1,240 | 723.2 | 1,932 | .. | 31,161 | .. | 1,295 | .. | 2,185 | 220 | 91.0 | 4,909 |
| 1976-77p | 1,191 | 732.2 | 1,939 | .. | 29,846 | .. | 1,741 | .. | 3,219 | 192 | 89.2 | 4,392 |
| 1975-76p - June | 104 | 50.1 | 133 | 158 | 2,731 | 2,728 | 107 | 119 | 133 | 17.26 | 7.99 | 409 |
| 1976-77p - July | 98 | 55.3 | 140 | 159 | 1,909 | 1,589 | 108 | 138 | 120 | 16.44 | 7.32 | 418 |
| Aug. | 98 | 61.6 | 147 | 157 | 2,534 | 2,352 | 106 | 120 | 164 | 17.70 | 7.39 | 454 |
| Sept. | 108 | 64.8 | 167 | 161 | 2,457 | 2,648 | 130 | 135 | 217 | 18.55 | 7.99 | 410 |
| Oct. | 93 | 66.6 | 157 | 153 | 2,195 | 2,002 | 136 | 133 | 313 | 15.24 | 7.85 | 411 |
| Nov. | 102 | 65.9 | 180 | 156 | 2,784 | 2,519 | 147 | 143 | 251 | 13.93 | 8.63 | 395 |
| Dec. | 96 | 66.8 | 210 | 165 | 2,140 | 2,386 | 168 | 151 | 259 | 20.28 | 8.02 | 376 |
| Jan. | 81 | 55.3 | 160 | 167 | 1,330 | 2,753 | 143 | 132 | 267 | 18.74 | 4.73 | 170 |
| Feb. | 85 | 59.8 | 158 | 169 | 2,779 | 2,630 | 139 | 131 | 284 | 15.61 | 7.14 | 373 |
| Mar. | 105 | 65.2 | 168 | 152 | 3,047 | 2,603 | 143 | 143 | 322 | 14.75 | 8.74 | 400 |
| Apr. | 94 | 58.8 | 158 | 173 | 2,537 | 2,575 | 167 | 151 | 346 | 12.68 | 6.16 | 274 |
| May | 105 | 59.1 | 152 | 158 | 2,964 | 2,927 | 174 | 167 | 348 | 13.66 | 7.63 | 366 |
| June | 126 | 53.1 | 142 | 171 | 3,170 | 3,199 | 179 | 200 | 327 | 14.37 | 7.62 | 339 |
| 1977-78p - July | 91 | 56.1 | 136 | 162 | 3,029 | 2,597 | 109 | 141 | 149 | 15.50 | 7.22 | 354 |
| Aug. | 98 | | 151 | 155 | 3,084 | 2,776 | 104 | 120 | 162 | 22.56 | 7.42 | 356 |
| Motor vehicles (e) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Period | Cars and station wagons | | Utilities and panel vans | | Trucks and truck-type vehicles | | Total motor vehicles (f) | | Pneumatic tyres-motor cycle, car, truck, aero, etc. (g) | | | |
| | Original | Seasonally adjusted | Original | Seasonally adjusted | Original | Seasonally adjusted | Original | Seasonally adjusted | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | No. | No. | No. |
| 1974-75p | 361,389 | .. | 30,295 | 29,503 | .. | 32,759 | .. | 456,167 | .. | 7,501 | | |
| 1975-76p | 369,339 | .. | 25,179 | 29,857 | .. | 30,988 | .. | 456,164 | .. | 8,384 | | |
| 1976-77p | 367,272 | .. | 24,902 | 26,031 | .. | 33,294 | .. | 452,483 | .. | 7,859 | | |
| 1975-76p - June | 34,625 | 32,165 | 1,723 | 2,342 | 3,843 | 2,861 | 2,697 | 41,657 | 38,648 | 764 | | |
| 1976-77p - July | 32,752 | 31,103 | 1,819 | 2,324 | 3,902 | 2,950 | 2,713 | 40,002 | 38,263 | 704 | | |
| Aug. | 32,645 | 36,702 | 2,219 | 2,286 | 4,066 | 3,121 | 3,122 | 40,403 | 37,555 | 822 | | |
| Sept. | 39,380 | 32,043 | 2,810 | 2,968 | 4,658 | 3,741 | 2,998 | 49,032 | 39,882 | 732 | | |
| Oct. | 35,709 | 32,342 | 2,113 | 2,632 | 4,668 | 2,969 | 2,815 | 43,551 | 39,267 | 710 | | |
| Nov. | 38,089 | 33,873 | 2,741 | 3,070 | 5,372 | 3,119 | 3,016 | 47,173 | 42,292 | 720 | | |
| Dec. | 28,543 | 32,539 | 1,984 | 2,494 | 5,541 | 2,566 | 2,965 | 35,684 | 41,056 | 652 | | |
| Jan. | 6,100 | 25,394 | 530 | 771 | 3,944 | 972 | 2,588 | 10,387 | 33,823 | 251 | | |
| Feb. | 29,345 | 30,171 | 1,965 | 2,019 | 4,038 | 2,733 | 2,856 | 36,300 | 37,179 | 645 | | |
| Mar. | 33,671 | 29,374 | 2,596 | 1,962 | 3,998 | 3,107 | 2,883 | 41,377 | 35,903 | 659 | | |
| Apr. | 26,963 | 30,286 | 1,656 | 1,489 | 3,204 | 2,330 | 2,427 | 32,490 | 36,637 | 537 | | |
| May | 33,047 | 28,992 | 2,343 | 1,926 | 3,597 | 2,997 | 2,755 | 40,337 | 34,440 | 659 | | |
| June | 28,828 | 25,850 | 2,126 | 2,090 | 3,988 | 2,689 | 2,482 | 35,747 | 32,281 | 728 | | |
| 1977-78p - July | 27,306 | 27,257 | 1,867 | 2,194 | 3,822 | 2,858 | 2,701 | 34,243 | 34,621 | 653 | | |
| Aug. | 29,387 | 27,065 | 1,923 | 2,130 | 3,660 | 2,912 | 2,421 | 36,390 | 32,937 | 679 | | |

(a) Source: Monthly figures, Department of Primary Industry. (b) Excludes waste beer. (c) Source: Department of Business and Consumer Affairs. (d) Includes double and triple superphosphate and ammonium phosphate expressed in terms of single superphosphate, i.e. 22% P₂O₅ equivalent. (e) Finished and partly finished motor vehicles. (f) Includes buses and ambulances. (g) Source: Australian Tyre Manufacturers Association Limited.

PRODUCTION OF WOOL, YARNS AND TEXTILES

| Period | Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool (a) | | | Yarns (d) | | | | |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|---------------------|----------|---------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| | Total receipts | Percentage of total received by brokers (b) | Scoured and carbonized wool (c) | Cotton | | Wool | | Cellulosic fibre (including mixtures) Original |
| | | | | Original | Seasonally adjusted | Original | Seasonally adjusted | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | '000 tonnes | % | '000 tonnes | tonnes | tonnes | tonnes | tonnes | tonnes |
| 1974-75p | 729.2 | 81.5 | 51.8 | 23,463 | .. | 17,903 | .. | 1,396 |
| 1975-76p | 686.9 | 76.5 | 69.9 | 24,761 | .. | 22,439 | .. | 2,338 |
| 1976-77p | 625.3 | 76.2 | 72.3 | 20,735 | .. | 19,209 | .. | 1,456 |
| 1975-76p - June | 34.1 | 72.0 | | 2,298 | 2,008 | 1,861 | 1,677 | 169 |
| 1976-77p - July | 44.8 | 71.7 | | 2,290 | 1,914 | 1,808 | 1,680 | 129 |
| Aug. | 75.2 | 77.0 | 17.71 | 2,013 | 1,760 | 1,793 | 1,612 | 139 |
| Sept. | 93.3 | 80.4 | | 1,964 | 1,773 | 1,854 | 1,631 | 212 |
| Oct. | 85.0 | 74.6 | | 2,073 | 1,879 | 1,776 | 1,658 | 153 |
| Nov. | 85.1 | 76.7 | 17.69 | 1,909 | 1,795 | 1,812 | 1,678 | 118 |
| Dec. | 55.9 | 75.2 | | 1,433 | 1,803 | 1,394 | 1,695 | 110 |
| Jan. | 30.1 | 74.7 | | 669 | 1,632 | 655 | 1,500 | 60 |
| Feb. | 36.6 | 76.7 | 19.73 | 1,701 | 1,771 | 1,604 | 1,566 | 111 |
| Mar. | 38.7 | 75.3 | | 1,844 | 1,635 | 1,732 | 1,487 | 104 |
| Apr. | 29.5 | 75.7 | 17.17 | 1,461 | 1,547 | 1,344 | 1,481 | 149 |
| May | 28.3 | 75.9 | | 1,700 | 1,521 | 1,711 | 1,560 | 109 |
| June | 22.8 | 75.4 | | 1,878 | 1,701 | 1,723 | 1,602 | 61 |
| 1977-78p - July | 37.2 | 74.4 | | 2,058 | 1,894 | 1,827 | 1,756 | 150 |
| Aug. | 72.8 | 78.0 | | 2,177 | 1,788 | 1,859 | 1,568 | 122 |

Textiles

Woven cloth (d) (e)

| Period | Cotton (f) | | Wool (g) | | Cellulosic fibre | | Synthetic fibre | | Blankets (h) |
|-----------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------------|
| | Original | Seasonally adjusted | Original | Seasonally adjusted | Original | Seasonally adjusted | Original | Seasonally adjusted | |
| | '000 sq.metres | '000 sq.metres | '000 sq.metres | '000 sq.metres | '000 sq.metres | '000 sq.metres | '000 sq.metres | '000 sq.metres | |
| 1973-74p | 50,092 | .. | 12,306 | .. | 23,075 | .. | 114,537 | .. | 1,692 |
| 1974-75p | 41,364 | .. | 7,308 | .. | 16,237 | .. | 84,831 | .. | 1,472 |
| 1975-76p | 46,661 | .. | 8,009 | .. | 16,725 | .. | 97,763 | .. | 1,581 |
| 1975-76p - June | 4,018 | 3,801 | 649 | 692 | 1,445 | 1,330 | 9,418 | 8,085 | 163 |
| 1976-77p - July | 3,601 | 3,218 | 598 | 618 | 1,658 | 1,519 | 7,440 | 6,456 | 139 |
| Aug. | 3,641 | 3,334 | 321 | 545 | 1,464 | 1,354 | 8,216 | 7,376 | 138 |
| Sept. | 3,676 | 3,316 | 593 | 563 | 1,580 | 1,416 | 8,653 | 7,540 | 121 |
| Oct. | 4,221 | 3,488 | 587 | 540 | 1,567 | 1,390 | 8,464 | 7,955 | 131 |
| Nov. | 3,584 | 3,446 | 567 | 475 | 1,588 | 1,451 | 8,425 | 8,048 | 122 |
| Dec. | 2,922 | 3,183 | 475 | 500 | 1,310 | 1,537 | 7,268 | 9,044 | 92 |
| Jan. | 1,430 | 3,651 | 232 | 419 | 462 | 939 | 2,614 | 5,463 | 63 |
| Feb. | 3,278 | 3,397 | 573 | 507 | 1,423 | 1,599 | 9,157 | 9,482 | 138 |
| Mar. | 3,119 | 2,985 | 614 | 473 | 1,372 | 1,272 | 9,647 | 9,112 | 177 |
| Apr. | 2,742 | 2,892 | 439 | 507 | 1,264 | 1,248 | 7,491 | 8,178 | 151 |
| May | 3,403 | 3,212 | 461 | 445 | 1,396 | 1,323 | 9,682 | 9,020 | 165 |
| June | 3,878 | 3,684 | 415 | 458 | 1,511 | 1,364 | 10,093 | 8,588 | 145 |
| 1977-78p - July | 3,882 | 3,451 | 481 | 506 | 1,432 | 1,349 | 8,384 | 7,333 | 152 |
| Aug. | 3,624 | 3,215 | 540 | 525 | 1,468 | 1,357 | 10,576 | 9,108 | 155 |

(a) Amounts of taxable wool received by brokers and dealers from wool producers. (b) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (c) As from April 1976 published on a quarterly basis. (d) Includes mixtures predominantly of the fibre named. (e) Over 12 inches wide. (f) Excludes towels and towelling. (g) Excludes blanketing and rug material. (h) Prior to 1975-76 excludes tufted blankets.

PRODUCTION OF CLOTHING AND MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS

| Clothing | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------------------------|--------|
| Period | Hosiery | | Men's and youths - | | | | Underwear | | Boots, shoes and sandals (c) | |
| | Men's | Women's full length (a) | Short length coats and jackets (b) | | Sports trousers | Shirts, men's and boys' | Men's and boys' | Women's and girls' | | |
| | | | Suit | Other | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | '000 doz. pairs | '000 doz. pairs | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 doz. | '000 doz. | '000 doz. | '000 pairs | |
| 1974-75p | 1,727 | 6,763 | 876 | 754 | 4,416 | 2,281 | 2,461 | 3,667 | 27,074 | |
| 1975-76p | 2,007 | 6,316 | 825 | 1,148 | 4,344 | 2,861 | 2,125 | 3,647 | 30,017 | |
| 1976-77p | 1,881 | 6,030 | 742 | 847 | 4,071 | 2,486 | 2,382 | 3,930 | 26,428 | |
| 1975-76p - June | 160 | 508 | 70.5 | 104.2 | 344 | 253 | 232 | 350 | 2,274 | |
| 1976-77p - July | 179 | 549 | 71.7 | 82.9 | 345 | 257 | 198 | 303 | 2,428 | |
| Aug. | 182 | 518 | 74.2 | 82.0 | 347 | 292 | 215 | 332 | 2,431 | |
| Sept. | 190 | 550 | 72.8 | 79.6 | 378 | 311 | 237 | 333 | 2,305 | |
| Oct. | 205 | 639 | 72.5 | 68.9 | 385 | 290 | 219 | 360 | 2,384 | |
| Nov. | 186 | 634 | 78.2 | 66.5 | 348 | 246 | 221 | 376 | 2,416 | |
| Dec. | 134 | 491 | 62.2 | 55.9 | 328 | 177 | 195 | 412 | 1,746 | |
| Jan. | 75 | 209 | 19.6 | 35.4 | 139 | 70 | 55 | 145 | 1,141 | |
| Feb. | 156 | 455 | 56.5 | 68.5 | 366 | 174 | 206 | 356 | 2,261 | |
| Mar. | 167 | 510 | 65.2 | 89.6 | 445 | 184 | 249 | 361 | 2,596 | |
| Apr. | 119 | 442 | 47.3 | 74.5 | 326 | 146 | 186 | 288 | 2,136 | |
| May | 142 | 490 | 62.1 | 77.0 | 332 | 165 | 204 | 334 | 2,243 | |
| June | 144 | 545 | 59.7 | 66.5 | 331 | 174 | 199 | 332 | 2,340 | |
| 1977-78p - July | 149 | 536 | 60.9 | 58.5 | 308 | 226 | 219 | 297 | 2,271 | |
| Aug. | 176 | 451 | | | | | | | 2,617 | |
| Period | Lawn mowers petrol (rotary) | | Motor sprays (d) | Aviation turbine fuel (d) | Furnace fuel (d) | Plastics and synthetic resins (e) | Margarine | | | |
| | Original | Seasonally adjusted | | | | | Newspaper | Soap | Table | Other |
| | | No. | No. | million litres | million litres | '000 tonnes | '000 tonnes | tonnes | tonnes | tonnes |
| 1974-75p | 298,125 | .. | 12,508 | 2,124 | 4,656 | 363 | 196,405 | 59,462 | 30,921 | 55,377 |
| 1975-76p | 334,857 | .. | 12,501 | 2,088 | 4,340 | 407 | 206,227 | 58,154 | 43,211 | 55,899 |
| 1976-77p | 307,173 | .. | 13,056 | 2,115 | 4,604 | 464 | 206,590 | 57,276 | 69,140 | 51,620 |
| 1975-76p - June | 16,777 | 39,065 | 1,063 | 152 | 350 | 38.6 | 17,663 | 5,047 | 4,647 | 5,327 |
| 1976-77p - July | 18,646 | 23,853 | 1,119 | 154 | 416 | 39.1 | 16,951 | 5,422 | 5,778 | 5,367 |
| Aug. | 25,121 | 21,538 | 1,214 | 162 | 502 | 40.3 | 17,868 | 5,442 | 5,850 | 4,408 |
| Sept. | 45,875 | 29,255 | 1,093 | 178 | 380 | 44.6 | 17,456 | 5,254 | 6,144 | 4,958 |
| Oct. | 44,287 | 25,101 | 929 | 169 | 353 | 38.7 | 18,167 | 5,543 | 6,567 | 4,487 |
| Nov. | 41,304 | 27,703 | 812 | 174 | 310 | 40.0 | 17,458 | 4,546 | 6,479 | 4,795 |
| Dec. | 36,710 | 35,118 | 1,120 | 211 | 449 | 35.3 | 13,587 | 4,033 | 5,272 | 3,612 |
| Jan. | 21,629 | 28,507 | 1,157 | 207 | 348 | 27.8 | 17,065 | 2,238 | 2,369 | 2,301 |
| Feb. | 20,369 | 20,476 | 1,099 | 198 | 392 | 40.7 | 16,375 | 5,531 | 5,001 | 3,370 |
| Mar. | 20,050 | 24,369 | 1,129 | 180 | 400 | 41.6 | 18,613 | 4,876 | 5,764 | 4,183 |
| Apr. | 14,691 | 19,108 | 1,145 | 174 | 306 | 35.3 | 17,337 | 3,870 | 5,660 | 4,118 |
| May | 5,301 | 13,209 | 1,185 | 160 | 360 | 41.7 | 18,069 | 3,131 | 6,815 | 4,785 |
| June | 13,190 | 30,566 | 1,053 | 149 | 389 | 42.5 | 17,435 | 5,029 | 7,442 | 5,237 |
| 1977-78p - July | 23,382 | 29,759 | 1,096 | 195 | 287 | 40.3 | 17,876 | 5,605 | 6,839 | 4,368 |
| Aug. | 32,112 | 27,766 | 1,216 | 135 | 382 | 45.7 | 17,860 | 5,033 | 7,248 | 4,405 |

(a) Includes panty hose. (b) Excludes plastic coats and dust coats. (c) Includes slippers of cemented, vulcanised-moulded rubber and injection-moulded plastic cover reaction. (d) Source: Department of National Resources. (e) Liquid resins or emulsion forms are shown in terms of dry weight of resin content.

TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES (a)

| Period | Cars and station wagons | | Other vehicles (excluding motor cycles) | | Total (excluding motor cycles) | | Motor cycles | Total motor vehicles |
|-----------|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| | Original | Seasonally adjusted | Original | Seasonally adjusted | Original | Seasonally adjusted | | |
| 1974-75 | 502,720 | .. | 121,467 | .. | 624,187 | .. | 67,563 | 691,750 |
| 1975-76 | 454,637 | .. | 129,726 | .. | 584,363 | .. | 60,017 | 644,380 |
| 1976-77 | 447,102 | .. | 134,709 | .. | 581,811 | .. | 50,321 | 632,132 |
| 1976-77 - | | | | | | | | |
| Aug. | 35,549 | 34,877 | 10,097 | 9,595 | 45,646 | 44,472 | 4,264 | 49,910 |
| Sept. | 37,836 | 36,697 | 11,247 | 11,045 | 49,083 | 47,742 | 4,517 | 53,600 |
| Oct. | 36,988 | 36,639 | 10,953 | 10,688 | 47,941 | 47,327 | 4,788 | 52,729 |
| Nov. | 40,278 | 40,243 | 12,420 | 12,085 | 52,698 | 52,328 | 5,817 | 58,515 |
| Dec. | 46,165 | 47,633 | 12,720 | 13,677 | 58,885 | 61,310 | 5,485 | 64,370 |
| Jan. | 31,627 | 38,709 | 9,908 | 12,530 | 41,535 | 51,239 | 4,250 | 45,785 |
| Feb. | 34,513 | 39,063 | 10,532 | 12,463 | 45,045 | 51,526 | 4,026 | 49,071 |
| Mar. | 38,453 | 33,550 | 11,590 | 10,483 | 50,043 | 44,033 | 3,503 | 53,546 |
| Apr. | 29,303 | 30,284 | 8,806 | 9,232 | 38,109 | 39,516 | 3,007 | 41,116 |
| May | 37,645 | 34,040 | 11,319 | 10,164 | 48,964 | 44,204 | 3,264 | 52,228 |
| June | 40,514 | 39,850 | 13,262 | 12,552 | 53,776 | 52,402 | 3,121 | 56,897 |
| 1977-78 - | | | | | | | | |
| July | 38,123 | 38,250 | 12,174 | 11,583 | 50,297 | 49,833 | 3,239 | 53,536 |
| Aug. | 40,056 | 36,916 | 11,900 | 10,590 | 51,956 | 47,506 | 3,407 | 55,363 |
| Sept. p | 34,559 | 34,984 | 10,209 | 10,245 | 44,768 | 45,229 | 3,363 | 48,131 |

(a) Registrations during period. Includes Government-owned vehicles except those belonging to the defence services. Excludes tractors, plant and equipment, caravans and trailers.

RAILWAYS AND SHIPPING

| Period | Government railways | | | | Shipping (a) | | | | | |
|-----------|---------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | Goods and livestock | | Passenger journeys | Gross earnings | Overseas cargo | | | | Interstate cargo shipped | |
| | Tonnes consigned | Net tonne- kilometres | | | Shipped from Australian ports | | Discharged at Australian ports | | | |
| | | | | | Tonnes | Cubic metres | Tonnes | Cubic metres | | |
| | '000 | million | million | \$ million | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 |
| 1973-74 | 87,341 | 28,329.3 | 373.6 | 691.1 | 150,471 | 3,071 | 23,055 | 7,641 | 29,471 | 3,033 |
| 1974-75 | 94,798 | 29,791.6 | 340.0 | 809.4 | 164,866 | 2,926 | 21,893 | 8,029 | 28,454 | 3,134 |
| 1975-76 | 95,039 | 30,809.3 | 317.2 | 939.8 | 156,133 | 2,488 | 19,718 | 7,170 | 28,241 | 2,937 |
| 1975-76 - | | | | | | | | | | |
| Feb. | 7,567 | 2,431.8 | 29.8 | 77.3 | 12,345 | 144 | 1,601 | 555 | 1,846 | 232 |
| Mar. | 8,623 | 2,737.9 | 25.9 | 84.9 | 12,112 | 187 | 1,655 | 679 | 2,383 | 263 |
| Apr. | 7,989 | 2,583.7 | 24.1 | 83.8 | 12,713 | 197 | 1,765 | 584 | 2,517 | 263 |
| May | 8,149 | 2,684.5 | 27.8 | 81.1 | 15,198 | 166 | 1,741 | 680 | 2,478 | 278 |
| June | 9,163 | 2,877.4 | 24.6 | 91.3 | 15,377 | 187 | 1,503 | 602 | 1,938 | 241 |
| 1976-77 - | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 8,227 | 2,635.1 | 29.2 | 91.8 | 14,849 | 145 | 1,715 | 635 | 2,533 | 207 |
| Aug. | 8,209 | 2,751.9 | 26.0 | 83.2 | 14,918 | 213 | 1,829 | 766 | 2,830 | 165 |
| Sept. | 8,400 | 2,709.5 | 28.4 | 82.3 | 12,520 | 211 | 1,683 | 612 | 2,470 | 140 |
| Oct. | 8,366 | 2,633.7 | 24.4 | 81.9 | 15,989 | 214 | 1,720 | 693 | 2,407 | 172 |
| Nov. | 8,098 | 2,683.9 | 24.6 | 83.0 | 12,743 | 154 | 1,559 | 626 | 2,107 | 156 |
| Dec. | 7,965 | 2,528.5 | 25.0 | 80.7 | 13,255 | 184 | 1,663 | 599 | 2,184 | 162 |
| Jan. | | 2,163.9 | 22.7 | 79.2 | 14,790 | 178 | 2,073 | 511 | 2,483 | 123 |
| Feb. | | | 30.4 | 76.8 | 13,614 | 124 | 1,325 | 473 | 2,322 | 166 |

(a) Part of the shipping cargo is recorded in tonnes and part in cubic metres. As the total cannot be stated accurately in either tonnes or cubic metres each is recorded and published separately.

TELEPHONE AND TELEX SERVICES

| Period | Telephone subscribers' services | | | | Telex Services | | | |
|----------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| | Effective applications during period (a) | Services connected during period | Services cancelled during period | Services in operation at end of period | Effective applications during period (a) | Services connected during period | Services cancelled during period | Services in operation at end of period |
| | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | | | | '000 |
| 1974-75 | 560.3 | 573.5 | 387.7 | 3,539 | 3,360 | 3,375 | 1,469 | 14.8 |
| 1975-76 | 596.1 | 613.6 | 448.4 | 3,700 | (b) 3,985 | (c) 4,117 | 1,822 | 17.0 |
| 1976-77 | 666.5 | 665.7 | 456.9 | 3,907 | 4,610 | 4,538 | 2,015 | 19.6 |
| 1975-76 - June | 53.6 | 56.8 | 40.9 | 3,700 | 386 | 400 | 155 | 17.0 |
| 1976-77 - July | 53.7 | 49.8 | 27.5 | 3,713 | 287 | 361 | 167 | 17.2 |
| Aug. | 55.3 | 56.0 | 28.2 | 3,730 | 303 | 371 | 156 | 17.5 |
| Sept. | 54.7 | 54.1 | 36.4 | 3,748 | 415 | 384 | 143 | 17.7 |
| Oct. | 52.1 | 53.2 | 35.5 | 3,765 | 415 | 350 | 170 | 17.9 |
| Nov. | 54.8 | 56.0 | 37.9 | 3,783 | 342 | 388 | 170 | 18.1 |
| Dec. | 49.4 | 55.9 | 39.1 | 3,800 | 348 | 382 | 225 | 18.2 |
| Jan. | 53.2 | 48.0 | 39.0 | 3,809 | 335 | 304 | 135 | 18.4 |
| Feb. | 57.4 | 56.7 | 37.4 | 3,828 | 351 | 377 | 164 | 18.6 |
| Mar. | 61.4 | 61.2 | 40.8 | 3,849 | 316 | 374 | 156 | 18.9 |
| Apr. | 60.6 | 50.9 | 34.7 | 3,865 | 404 | 357 | 146 | 19.1 |
| May | 62.9 | 62.1 | 41.1 | 3,885 | 408 | 474 | 177 | 19.4 |
| June | 66.9 | 61.7 | 39.5 | 3,907 | 506 | 446 | 206 | 19.6 |
| 1977-78 - July | 58.3 | 58.1 | 39.5 | 3,926 | 472 | 455 | 203 | 19.8 |

(a) Demand for services, allowing for applications withdrawn during period. (b) From July 1975 includes in place service. (c) From July 1975 includes in place connections.

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

(\$ million)

| CURRENT ACCOUNT | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------|------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------|----------------------------|--------|
| Period | Invisible credits | | | | | | Invisible debits | | | | Balance on current account | |
| | Exports f.o.b. | Imports f.o.b. | Balance of trade | Transportation and travel | Property income | Transfers | Other | Transportation and travel | Property income | Transfers | | Other |
| 1974-75 | 8,490 | 7,652 | 838 | 1,153 | 415 | 429 | 284 | 1,893 | 1,092 | 627 | 441 | -936 |
| 1975-76 | 9,410 | 7,924 | 1,486 | 1,253 | 336 | 358 | 226 | 2,083 | 1,546 | 701 | 428 | -1,098 |
| 1976-77 | 11,403 | 10,348 | 1,056 | 1,540 | 386 | 274 | 183 | 2,500 | 1,688 | 694 | 405 | -1,878 |
| 1975-76 - | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mar. qtr | 2,324 | 2,037 | 287 | 316 | 74 | 71 | 46 | 512 | 371 | 135 | 118 | -341 |
| June qtr | 2,636 | 2,124 | 512 | 314 | 50 | 84 | 49 | 591 | 416 | 169 | 105 | -242 |
| 1976-77 - | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. qtr | 2,862 | 2,394 | 468 | 342 | 52 | 62 | 41 | 601 | 420 | 176 | 102 | -303 |
| Dec. qtr | 2,804 | 2,406 | 398 | 393 | 90 | 75 | 49 | 585 | 436 | 164 | 90 | -271 |
| Mar. qtr | 2,800 | 2,793 | 7 | 404 | 90 | 70 | 47 | 614 | 393 | 171 | 106 | -668 |
| June qtr | 2,938 | 2,755 | 183 | 401 | 95 | 68 | 47 | 700 | 439 | 183 | 107 | -635 |

CAPITAL ITEMS

| Period | Capital inflow | | | | | Monetary movements | | | | |
|---------------------|----------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| | Government | | Private | | Non official monetary sector | Balance item | Net apparent capital inflow | Change in official reserve assets | Other transactions | Net official monetary movements |
| | Securities | Other | Marketing authorities | Other | trans- actions | | | | | |
| 1974-75 | 21 | -53 | -59 | 752 | 51 | -241 | 471 | -460 | -4 | -464 |
| 1975-76 | 46 | -144 | 133 | 583 | -25 | -516 | 78 | -1,083 | 32 | -1,020 |
| 1976-77 | 347 | -216 | 94 | n.s. | (a) | 461 | 1,386 | -190 | -302 | -492 |
| 1975-76 - Mar. qtr | -14 | -26 | 53 | 177 | 45 | 91 | 326 | -37 | 22 | -15 |
| June qtr | 163 | -63 | 8 | 222 | 61 | -144 | 247 | -7 | 12 | 5 |
| 1976-77 - Sept. qtr | 226 | -54 | 51 | 22 | -79 | -130 | 36 | 42 | -310 | -268 |
| Dec. qtr | 137 | -39 | 19 | 428 | 79 | -361 | 263 | -7 | -1 | -9 |
| Mar. qtr | -7 | -41 | 43 | 539 | -10 | 281 | 804 | 127 | 9 | 136 |
| June qtr | -8 | -80 | -19 | (a) | (a) | (b) 216 | 284 | -352 | .. | -352 |

(a) Not yet available, included in the balancing item. (b) Does not include undistributed income.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT AND NATIONAL EXPENDITURE (a)
(\$ million)

| Period | Gross national expenditure | Final Exports of goods and services | Less Imports of goods and services | Components of gross domestic product | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------|--------|-----------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | | | | Gross domestic product at factor cost | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Gross domestic product | | | | Wages, salaries and supplements | Gross operating surplus | | | Indirect taxes less subsidies |
| | | | | | | | | | Trading enterprises | | Financial enterprises, etc. (B) | |
| | | | | Farm | Non-farm | Total | Companies | Other | | | | |
| ORIGINAL | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1974-75 | 60,210 | 9,927 | 9,986 | 3,612 | 16,537 | 60,142 | 35,439 | 6,809 | 11,942 | -657 | 6,616 | |
| 1975-76 | 70,371 | 10,888 | 10,434 | 3,670 | 87,184 | 70,824 | 40,739 | 7,920 | 13,886 | -237 | 8,516 | |
| 1976-77 | 81,667 | 13,127 | 13,252 | 4,136 | 77,304 | 81,530 | 46,028 | 9,782 | 16,839 | -503 | 9,687 | |
| 1975-76 - | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mar. qtr | 17,023 | 2,686 | 2,667 | 873 | 11,155 | 17,042 | 9,862 | 1,627 | 3,321 | -33 | 2,265 | |
| June qtr | 18,071 | 2,999 | 2,820 | 392 | 17,858 | 18,250 | 10,737 | 2,248 | 2,948 | -86 | 2,386 | |
| 1976-77 - | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. qtr | 19,446 | 3,245 | 3,097 | 841 | 18,753 | 19,594 | 11,112 | 2,394 | 3,964 | -149 | 2,373 | |
| Dec. qtr | 21,966 | 3,246 | 3,080 | 1,634 | 20,497 | 22,131 | 11,979 | 2,895 | 5,055 | -122 | 2,324 | |
| Mar. qtr | 19,773 | 3,280 | 3,514 | 1,163 | 18,348 | 19,511 | 11,005 | 2,041 | 4,101 | -107 | 2,471 | |
| June qtr | 20,470 | 3,386 | 3,562 | 498 | 19,796 | 20,294 | 11,929 | 2,462 | 3,419 | -128 | 2,619 | |

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|--------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|------|-------|
| 1975-76 - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mar. qtr | 18,171 | 2,725 | 2,762 | 954 | 17,190 | 18,144 | 10,253 | 2,090 | 3,590 | -44 | 2,255 |
| June qtr | 18,814 | 3,013 | 2,867 | 940 | 18,022 | 18,962 | 10,742 | 2,258 | 3,748 | -81 | 2,295 |
| 1976-77 - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. qtr | 19,412 | 3,267 | 2,973 | 999 | 18,707 | 19,706 | 11,156 | 2,362 | 3,945 | -136 | 2,379 |
| Dec. qtr | 19,984 | 3,153 | 3,050 | 1,010 | 19,077 | 20,087 | 11,343 | 2,409 | 4,115 | -108 | 2,328 |
| Mar. qtr | 21,096 | 3,312 | 3,638 | 1,081 | 19,689 | 20,770 | 11,605 | 2,588 | 4,237 | -118 | 2,458 |
| June qtr | 21,213 | 3,407 | 3,636 | 1,042 | 19,942 | 20,984 | 11,907 | 2,462 | 4,240 | -140 | 2,515 |

(a) For concepts see *Quarterly Estimates of National Income and Expenditure* (Catalogue No. 5206.0. Previously Ref. No. 7.5). (b) Financial enterprises less imputed bank service charge.

COMPONENTS OF GROSS NATIONAL EXPENDITURE (a)
(\$ million)

| Period | Gross fixed capital expenditure | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|------------|-----------|---------------------------------|-----------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| | Private | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Final consumption expenditure | | Dwellings | Other building and construction | All other | Total private | Public enterprises | General government | Increase in stocks | Statistical discrepancy | Gross national expenditure |
| | Private | Government | | | | | | | | | |
| ORIGINAL | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1974-75 | 38,200 | 9,144 | 2,456 | 1,978 | 4,309 | 8,743 | 2,833 | 2,829 | 470 | 791 | 60,210 |
| 1975-76 | 41,662 | 11,308 | 3,239 | 2,082 | 5,085 | 10,326 | 3,155 | 3,477 | -224 | 467 | 70,371 |
| 1976-77 | 47,704 | 13,211 | 4,013 | 1,983 | 6,040 | 12,036 | 3,553 | 3,693 | 1,305 | 155 | 81,457 |
| 1975-76 - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mar. qtr | 10,158 | 2,660 | 831 | 409 | 1,154 | 2,394 | 657 | 716 | 132 | 296 | 17,023 |
| June qtr | 10,979 | 3,007 | 946 | 510 | 1,517 | 2,972 | 977 | 1,000 | -628 | -439 | 18,071 |
| 1976-77 - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. qtr | 11,240 | 3,123 | 1,027 | 513 | 1,308 | 2,845 | 788 | 778 | 97 | 575 | 19,446 |
| Dec. qtr | 12,552 | 3,379 | 1,036 | 520 | 1,639 | 3,195 | 910 | 942 | 733 | 255 | 21,966 |
| Mar. qtr | 11,831 | 3,114 | 966 | 430 | 1,402 | 2,798 | 814 | 778 | 416 | 324 | 19,775 |
| June qtr | 12,381 | 3,593 | 984 | 520 | 1,694 | 3,198 | 1,041 | 1,195 | 59 | -999 | 20,470 |
| SEASONALLY ADJUSTED | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1975-76 - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mar. qtr | 10,593 | 2,878 | 870 | 488 | 1,305 | 2,663 | 700 | 854 | 283 | 200 | 18,171 |
| June qtr | 10,999 | 3,050 | 938 | 492 | 1,405 | 2,836 | 908 | 845 | 47 | 130 | 18,814 |
| 1976-77 - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. qtr | 11,362 | 3,202 | 994 | 514 | 1,331 | 2,839 | 841 | 877 | 37 | 254 | 19,412 |
| Dec. qtr | 11,853 | 3,220 | 1,031 | 462 | 1,354 | 3,047 | 868 | 872 | 131 | -7 | 19,984 |
| Mar. qtr | 12,089 | 3,370 | 1,011 | 513 | 1,585 | 3,109 | 865 | 917 | 361 | 385 | 21,096 |
| June qtr | 12,401 | 3,420 | 977 | 502 | 1,568 | 3,047 | 965 | 1,009 | 764 | -393 | 21,213 |

(a) For concepts see *Quarterly Estimates of National Income and Expenditure* (Catalogue No. 5206.0. Previously Ref. No. 7.5).

VALUE OF MAIN AGGREGATES AT AVERAGE 1966-67 PRICES (a)
(£ million)

| Period | Final consumption expenditure | | Gross capital expenditure | | Increase in stocks | Statistical discrepancy | Gross national expenditure | Plus exports of goods and services | Less imports of goods and services | Expenditure on gross domestic product | Gross farm product | Gross non-farm product |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|------------|---------------------------|--------|--------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| | Private | Government | Private | Public | | | | | | | | |
| ORIGINAL | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1974-75 | 20,814 | 3,900 | 4,811 | 2,981 | 496 | 467 | 33,470 | 5,793 | 6,462 | 32,802 | 1,820 | 29,983 |
| 1975-76 | 21,805 | 4,140 | 4,875 | 3,030 | -145 | 341 | 33,747 | 5,962 | 6,110 | 33,599 | 3,028 | 30,571 |
| 1976-77 | 22,096 | 4,350 | 5,037 | 2,968 | 622 | 85 | 35,149 | 6,469 | 6,867 | 34,781 | 3,102 | 31,649 |
| 1975-76 — | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mar. qtr | 8,112 | 978 | 1,113 | 620 | 69 | 140 | 8,032 | 1,518 | 1,528 | 8,022 | 714 | 7,308 |
| June qtr | 8,425 | 1,112 | 1,338 | 889 | -265 | -201 | 8,267 | 1,580 | 1,614 | 8,203 | 483 | 7,721 |
| 1976-77 — | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. qtr | 5,430 | 1,049 | 1,234 | 666 | 63 | 256 | 8,699 | 1,678 | 1,704 | 8,673 | 668 | 8,008 |
| Dec. qtr | 5,907 | 1,118 | 1,365 | 768 | 346 | 110 | 9,615 | 1,649 | 1,708 | 9,556 | 1,121 | 8,435 |
| Mar. qtr | 5,345 | 1,025 | 1,158 | 646 | 182 | 135 | 8,391 | 1,568 | 1,757 | 8,200 | 827 | 7,373 |
| June qtr | 5,514 | 1,158 | 1,280 | 878 | 31 | -416 | 8,444 | 1,576 | 1,698 | 8,322 | 489 | 7,833 |
| SEASONALLY ADJUSTED | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1975-76 — | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mar. qtr | 5,337 | 1,048 | 1,232 | 692 | 72 | 146 | 8,528 | 1,513 | 1,584 | 8,457 | 769 | 7,688 |
| June qtr | 5,410 | 1,051 | 1,270 | 761 | 43 | 92 | 8,627 | 1,560 | 1,633 | 8,554 | 768 | 7,786 |
| 1976-77 — | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. qtr | 5,483 | 1,065 | 1,235 | 730 | 96 | 86 | 8,695 | 1,700 | 1,640 | 8,754 | 767 | 7,986 |
| Dec. qtr | 5,601 | 1,090 | 1,311 | 725 | 85 | -46 | 8,765 | 1,625 | 1,690 | 8,700 | 761 | 7,938 |
| Mar. qtr | 5,505 | 1,099 | 1,281 | 719 | 81 | 182 | 8,867 | 1,562 | 1,822 | 8,606 | 788 | 7,819 |
| June qtr | 5,591 | 1,095 | 1,215 | 774 | 361 | -133 | 8,812 | 1,588 | 1,726 | 8,674 | 789 | 7,886 |

(a) For concepts see *Quarterly Estimates of National Income and Expenditure* (Catalogue No. 5206.0. Previously Ref. No. 7.5).

FINANCE

NEW MONEY RAISED BY LISTED COMPANIES IN AUSTRALIA AND BY INDUSTRY GROUP (a)

(\$ million)

This table shows the net amount of cash transferred from the investing public to listed companies in Australia through the types of capital specified. For definitions see *New Capital Raisings by Companies Listed on Australian Stock Exchanges* (Catalogue No. 5628.0. Previously Ref. No. 5.9). Excluded are bank overdrafts, loans to authorised dealers in the short-term money market or deposits accepted by banks, insurance companies, pastoral companies or building societies.

| Period | Manufacturing | | | Finance and property | | | Commerce | | |
|------------------|---------------|------------------------------------------|-------|----------------------|------------------------------------------|---------|----------|------------------------------------------|-------|
| | Shares | Debentures, registered notes, etc. | Total | Shares | Debentures, registered notes, etc. | Total | Shares | Debentures, registered notes, etc. | Total |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| 1974-75 | 84.3 | 368.1 | 452.2 | 18.1 | 421.6 | 439.6 | 36.0 | 89.2 | 125.2 |
| 1975-76 | 115.0 | 142.1 | 257.1 | 68.5 | 853.3 | 921.8 | 57.5 | 20.8 | 78.3 |
| 1976-77 | 182.0 | 143.2 | 325.2 | 212.2 | 948.8 | 1,158.0 | 9.5 | 31.3 | 40.8 |
| 1975-76 — | | | | | | | | | |
| Mar. qtr | 12.5 | 1.8 | 14.3 | 36.7 | 158.1 | 194.8 | 0.9 | 16.0 | 16.9 |
| June qtr | 32.2 | 79.1 | 111.3 | 17.3 | 259.4 | 276.7 | 52.9 | (b)—3.7 | 49.2 |
| 1976-77 — | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. qtr | 10.1 | 5.7 | 15.8 | 18.6 | 348.1 | 363.7 | 2.1 | 2.3 | 4.4 |
| Dec. qtr | 80.1 | 24.7 | 104.8 | 113.1 | 411.2 | 524.3 | 2.5 | 10.6 | 13.1 |
| Mar. qtr | 23.1 | — | 23.1 | 64.7 | 104.9 | 169.6 | 0.2 | 3.6 | 3.8 |
| June qtr | 68.7 | 112.8 | 181.5 | 18.8 | 84.5 | 100.3 | 4.7 | 14.8 | 19.5 |
| Other industries | | | | | | | | | |
| Period | Shares | Debentures, registered notes, etc. | Total | Shares | Debentures, registered notes, etc. | Total | | | |
| 1974-75 | 32.7 | 69.8 | 102.5 | 171.1 | 948.6 | 1,119.7 | | | |
| 1975-76 | 91.3 | 78.2 | 169.5 | 332.3 | 1,094.4 | 1,426.7 | | | |
| 1976-77 | 68.1 | 91.0 | 159.1 | 471.6 | 1,211.5 | 1,683.1 | | | |
| 1975-76 — | | | | | | | | | |
| Mar. qtr | 4.7 | 13.9 | 18.6 | 54.8 | 189.8 | 244.6 | | | |
| June qtr | 67.1 | 30.3 | 97.3 | 169.6 | 365.1 | 534.7 | | | |
| 1976-77 — | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. qtr | 11.0 | 4.2 | 15.2 | 41.8 | 357.3 | 399.2 | | | |
| Dec. qtr | 25.3 | 16.7 | 42.0 | 236.9 | 461.3 | 682.2 | | | |
| Mar. qtr | 18.4 | 77.6 | 88.0 | 98.3 | 186.2 | 284.5 | | | |
| June qtr | 21.4 | (b)—5.5 | 15.9 | 110.5 | 206.6 | 317.1 | | | |

(a) Holding companies are classified according to the predominant activity of the group. (b) Excess of repayments over receipts of new money.

RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA, CENTRAL BANKING BUSINESS (INCLUDING NOTE ISSUE DEPARTMENT)
(\$ million)

| Average of weekly figures | Accounts of trading banks | | | | | | | Commonwealth Government securities | | | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------|---------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------|------------------|
| | Notes on issue | | Statutory Reserve Deposit | Term Loan Fund | Farm Development Loan Fund | Other deposits of trading banks | Deposits of savings banks | Other liabilities (a) | Gold and foreign exchange | Treasury bills and Treasury notes | | All other assets |
| | Held by public | Total | | | | | | | | Other | | |
| 1974-75 | 2,061.9 | 2,373.9 | 462.2 | 22.9 | 19.8 | 9.7 | 1,056.9 | 1,200.3 | 3,110.9 | 146.5 | 1,041.4 | 1,094.5 |
| 1975-76 | 2,417.7 | 2,762.5 | 909.0 | 17.0 | 14.7 | 9.9 | 1,089.9 | 747.8 | 2,778.7 | 1,290.4 | 906.6 | 826.2 |
| 1976-77 | 2,768.3 | 3,171.8 | 1,303.6 | 35.5 | 25.3 | 8.4 | 1,213.4 | 1,255.3 | 2,612.1 | 1,758.3 | 2,189.7 | 715.7 |
| 1976-77 - | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aug. | 2,635.7 | 3,004.6 | 790.1 | 36.1 | 28.1 | 6.5 | 1,091.2 | 1,097.5 | 2,451.1 | 1,259.4 | 1,802.5 | 786.4 |
| Sept. | 2,676.4 | 3,045.4 | 806.5 | 58.0 | 40.6 | 7.5 | 1,103.0 | 1,169.2 | 2,344.0 | 1,859.9 | 1,709.8 | 562.8 |
| Oct. | 2,688.4 | 3,069.0 | 827.0 | 53.0 | 36.3 | 6.1 | 1,167.6 | 1,192.1 | 2,261.4 | 1,871.0 | 2,015.9 | 450.7 |
| Nov. | 2,703.6 | 3,098.6 | 933.7 | 48.4 | 32.9 | 7.6 | 1,193.0 | 1,138.3 | 2,077.4 | 1,923.7 | 2,293.2 | 406.6 |
| Dec. (b) | 2,867.5 | 3,345.0 | 1,037.9 | 42.8 | 31.0 | 10.2 | 1,371.5 | 1,507.2 | 2,593.4 | 2,330.6 | 2,393.4 | 312.5 |
| Jan. | 2,827.4 | 3,252.7 | 1,379.2 | 36.3 | 23.9 | 10.4 | 1,293.3 | 1,331.0 | 2,942.4 | 1,879.3 | 2,290.7 | 490.3 |
| Feb. | 2,777.5 | 3,192.4 | 1,680.1 | 34.6 | 22.4 | 16.0 | 1,343.3 | 1,269.0 | 2,985.5 | 1,952.2 | 2,173.0 | 721.9 |
| Mar. | 2,794.8 | 3,206.0 | 1,861.4 | 27.9 | 20.2 | 7.4 | 1,455.3 | 1,273.6 | 2,881.4 | 2,122.3 | 2,176.2 | 945.1 |
| Apr. | 2,887.6 | 3,310.5 | 1,879.6 | 23.1 | 18.4 | 8.3 | 1,330.5 | 1,281.2 | 2,843.5 | 2,048.1 | 2,247.3 | 985.2 |
| May | 2,868.5 | 3,274.6 | 1,847.2 | 21.4 | 16.4 | 6.3 | 1,073.1 | 1,337.0 | 2,786.5 | 1,482.2 | 2,600.2 | 980.4 |
| June | 2,887.4 | 3,293.1 | 1,704.2 | 16.9 | 10.1 | 6.9 | 1,044.6 | 1,408.9 | 2,596.7 | 1,433.8 | 2,735.5 | 983.7 |
| 1977-78 - | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 2,922.4 | 3,327.8 | 1,396.4 | 10.1 | 4.7 | 5.6 | 1,096.0 | 1,428.1 | 2,302.5 | 1,478.8 | 2,707.5 | 1,043.8 |
| Aug. | 2,973.3 | 3,384.5 | 1,369.5 | 7.3 | 2.2 | 5.7 | 1,091.5 | 1,962.5 | 2,517.8 | 1,822.2 | 2,842.9 | 906.6 |
| Sept. | | 3,412.4 | 1,178.1 | 27.7 | 9.9 | 5.7 | 1,116.6 | 2,100.8 | 2,405.0 | 2,011.6 | 2,812.4 | 887.5 |

(a) Includes Special Reserve - I.M.F. Special Drawing Rights. Excludes capital and reserves. (b) Excludes one Wednesday.

RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA, RURAL CREDITS DEPARTMENT: ADVANCES

| Average of weekly figures | \$ million | Average of weekly figures | \$ million |
|---------------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|
| 1974-75 | 200.2 | 1976-77 - | |
| 1975-76 | 258.5 | Dec. (a) | 123.1 |
| 1976-77 | 350.3 | Jan. | 263.6 |
| | | Feb. | 504.3 |
| 1976-77 - | | Mar. | 643.3 |
| July | 183.6 | Apr. | 640.4 |
| Aug. | 204.1 | May | 637.6 |
| Sept. | 123.6 | June | 586.7 |
| Oct. | 111.8 | 1977-78 - | |
| Nov. | 105.7 | July | 516.0 |

(a) Excludes one Wednesday.

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT BANK OF AUSTRALIA : ADVANCES
(\$ million)

| <i>Average of weekly figures</i> | <i>Hire purchase</i> | <i>Other</i> | <i>Average of weekly figures</i> | <i>Hire purchase</i> | <i>Other</i> |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| 1974-75 | 63.8 | 262.4 | 1976-77 — | | |
| 1975-76 | 63.2 | 288.0 | Jan. | 80.0 | 301.7 |
| 1976-77 | 77.2 | 303.8 | Feb. | 79.2 | 300.7 |
| | | | Mar. | 78.9 | 304.6 |
| 1976-77 — | | | Apr. | 82.0 | 305.1 |
| Aug. | 70.9 | 305.7 | May | 85.2 | 304.2 |
| Sept. | 70.5 | 302.9 | June | 89.7 | 316.0 |
| Oct. | 71.4 | 297.8 | 1977-78 — | | |
| Nov. | 74.0 | 295.1 | July | 94.6 | 316.5 |
| Dec. (a) | 78.0 | 304.4 | Aug. | 94.5 | 317.1 |

(a) Excludes one Wednesday.

MAJOR TRADING BANKS (a) : SELECTED LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA (b)
(\$ million)

| Average of week's figures | Deposits | | | | Coin, bullion, notes and cash with Reserve Bank | Commonwealth and State Government securities | | Loans to authorised dealers in the short-term money market | Statutory reserve deposit account with Reserve Bank | Loans, advances and bills discounted (c) | |
|------------------------------|----------|---------|----------|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| | Fixed | Current | Original | Seasonally adjusted | | Treasury bills and Treasury notes | Other | | | Original | Seasonally adjusted |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1974-75 | 7,260 | 5,449 | 12,709 | .. | 274.6 | 752.6 | 2,118.4 | 143.7 | 455.8 | 9,348 | .. |
| 1975-76 | 8,585 | 6,547 | 15,132 | .. | 311.5 | 658.2 | 3,079.4 | 120.5 | 895.9 | 10,344 | .. |
| 1976-77 | 10,286 | 7,023 | 17,309 | .. | 357.3 | 591.3 | 3,609.3 | 129.7 | 1,287.7 | 11,616 | .. |
| 1976-77 — | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aug. | 9,405 | 6,553 | 15,958 | 16,607 | 325.3 | 79.5 | 3,627.4 | 123.6 | 777.8 | 11,231 | 11,217 |
| Sept. | 9,769 | 6,687 | 16,456 | 16,856 | 321.3 | 162.2 | 3,687.2 | 111.5 | 794.5 | 11,369 | 11,426 |
| Oct. | 10,146 | 6,685 | 16,831 | 16,991 | 335.1 | 332.1 | 3,639.4 | 121.4 | 815.5 | 11,791 | 11,723 |
| Nov. | 10,306 | 6,821 | 17,127 | 17,194 | 349.6 | 440.9 | 3,608.6 | 165.0 | 920.7 | 11,787 | 11,897 |
| Dec. (d) | 10,396 | 7,312 | 17,708 | 17,339 | 428.0 | 646.8 | 3,711.5 | 205.7 | 1,023.2 | 11,741 | 11,904 |
| Jan. | 10,655 | 7,367 | 18,022 | 17,375 | 380.6 | 1,190.4 | 3,696.5 | 140.5 | 1,362.2 | 11,578 | 11,664 |
| Feb. | 11,024 | 7,489 | 18,514 | 17,654 | 373.6 | 1,462.5 | 3,752.4 | 165.9 | 1,659.9 | 11,288 | 11,531 |
| Mar. | 11,149 | 7,479 | 18,629 | 17,893 | 359.5 | 1,500.9 | 3,792.0 | 97.2 | 1,841.5 | 11,425 | 11,622 |
| Apr. | 10,880 | 7,281 | 18,161 | 17,776 | 375.4 | 854.9 | 3,702.5 | 59.6 | 1,860.0 | 11,836 | 11,633 |
| May | 10,456 | 6,945 | 17,401 | 17,628 | 357.4 | 261.9 | 3,369.6 | 125.6 | 1,827.8 | 12,013 | 11,778 |
| June | 10,129 | 7,069 | 17,198 | 17,828 | 358.2 | 37.7 | 3,305.8 | 102.5 | 1,685.7 | 12,177 | 11,977 |
| 1977-78 — | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 9,831 | 7,006 | 16,837 | 17,564 | 353.2 | 47.2 | 3,246.5 | 100.6 | 1,379.9 | 12,369 | 12,191 |
| Aug. | 9,957 | 6,997 | 16,954 | 17,635 | 356.2 | 27.8 | 3,203.0 | 139.1 | 1,352.7 | 12,371 | 12,355 |
| Sept. | 10,027 | 7,008 | 17,035 | 17,495 | 349.2 | 73.1 | 3,246.9 | 182.0 | 1,163.2 | 12,529 | 12,590 |

(a) Commonwealth Trading Bank, Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Ltd., The Bank of Adelaide, Bank of New South Wales, The Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd., The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd., and The National Bank of Australasia Ltd. (b) Includes External Territories. (c) Excludes loans to authorised dealers in the short-term money market. (d) Excludes one Wednesday.

MAJOR TRADING BANKS (a) : RATIOS OF SELECTED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO TOTAL DEPOSITS WITHIN AUSTRALIA (b)
(per cent)

| Average of weekly figures | Liquid assets and Commonwealth Government securities | | | | Statutory reserve deposit account with Reserve Bank | Loans advances and bills discounted (c) | Deposits not bearing interest |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | Cash and cash at Reserve Bank | Treasury bills and Treasury notes | Other Commonwealth and State Government securities | Total | | | |
| 1974-75 | 2.2 | 5.9 | 16.7 | 24.8 | 3.6 | 73.6 | 38.6 |
| 1975-76 | 2.1 | 4.4 | 20.4 | 26.8 | 5.9 | 68.4 | 38.5 |
| 1976-77 | 2.1 | 3.4 | 20.9 | 26.3 | 7.4 | 67.1 | 36.3 |
| 1976-77 - | | | | | | | |
| Aug. | 2.0 | 0.5 | 22.7 | 25.3 | 4.9 | 70.4 | 36.6 |
| Sept. | 2.0 | 1.0 | 22.4 | 25.3 | 4.8 | 69.1 | 36.3 |
| Oct. | 2.0 | 2.0 | 21.6 | 25.6 | 4.9 | 70.1 | 35.5 |
| Nov. | 2.0 | 2.6 | 21.1 | 25.7 | 5.4 | 68.8 | 35.8 |
| Dec. (d) | 2.4 | 3.7 | 21.0 | 27.0 | 5.8 | 66.3 | 37.2 |
| Jan. | 2.1 | 6.6 | 20.5 | 29.2 | 7.6 | 64.2 | 36.7 |
| Feb. | 2.0 | 7.9 | 20.3 | 30.2 | 9.0 | 61.0 | 36.3 |
| Mar. | 1.9 | 8.1 | 20.4 | 30.3 | 9.9 | 61.3 | 36.1 |
| Apr. | 2.1 | 4.7 | 20.4 | 27.2 | 10.2 | 65.2 | 35.9 |
| May | 2.1 | 1.5 | 19.4 | 22.9 | 11.5 | 69.0 | 35.7 |
| June | 2.1 | 0.2 | 19.2 | 21.5 | 9.8 | 70.8 | 36.3 |
| 1977-78 - | | | | | | | |
| July | 2.1 | 0.3 | 19.3 | 21.7 | 8.2 | 73.5 | 36.9 |
| Aug. | 2.1 | 0.2 | 18.9 | 21.2 | 8.0 | 73.0 | 36.7 |
| Sept. | 2.1 | 0.4 | 19.1 | 21.5 | 6.8 | 73.6 | 36.7 |

(a) See footnote (a) page 39. (b) Includes External Territories. (c) Excludes loans to authorised dealers in the short-term money market. (d) Excludes one Wednesday.

MAJOR TRADING BANKS (a) : NEW AND INCREASED LENDING COMMITMENTS AND OVERDRAFT LIMITS
(Source: Reserve Bank of Australia)
(\$ million)

| Weekly average for period ending second Wednesday of - | New and increased lending commitments (b) | | | | Overdraft limits (c) | | |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| | Term loan approvals | Farm development loan approvals | Overdraft approvals | Total approvals | Cancellations and reductions (d) | Net movement in limits | Overdraft limits outstanding (e) (end of period) |
| Year to July - | | | | | | | |
| 1975 | 6.6 | 1.3 | 82.9 | 90.8 | 53.5 | 29.4 | 11,968.4 |
| 1976 | 6.1 | 2.0 | 95.9 | 104.1 | 66.6 | 29.3 | 13,523.3 |
| 1977 | 6.4 | 2.8 | 95.6 | 104.9 | 70.4 | 25.2 | 14,743.1 |
| 1976-77 - | | | | | | | |
| Aug. | 5.8 | 2.4 | 93.0 | 101.2 | 74.7 | 18.2 | 13,596.2 |
| Sept. | 2.7 | 2.5 | 100.7 | 106.0 | 75.7 | 25.0 | 13,696.3 |
| Oct. | 4.7 | 2.6 | 97.9 | 105.2 | 62.9 | 35.0 | 13,871.4 |
| Nov. | 5.5 | 3.1 | 108.7 | 117.2 | 75.1 | 33.6 | 14,005.7 |
| Dec. | 11.2 | 2.9 | 101.9 | 116.0 | 65.1 | 36.8 | 14,153.0 |
| Jan. | 7.5 | 2.9 | 89.4 | 99.9 | 69.5 | 19.9 | 14,252.3 |
| Feb. | 6.4 | 2.4 | 85.2 | 94.1 | 82.7 | 2.6 | 14,262.5 |
| Mar. | 7.9 | 3.0 | 89.6 | 100.5 | 72.4 | 17.2 | 14,331.3 |
| Apr. | 3.2 | 2.6 | 91.5 | 97.3 | 53.2 | 38.3 | 14,431.2 |
| May | 8.0 | 3.0 | 94.0 | 105.0 | 65.5 | 28.6 | 14,545.5 |
| June | 6.4 | 3.3 | 98.7 | 108.3 | 83.9 | 14.8 | 14,604.6 |
| 1977-78 - | | | | | | | |
| July | 8.3 | 2.8 | 98.4 | 109.5 | 75.6 | 22.8 | 14,718.6 |
| Aug. | 7.1 | 2.8 | 92.8 | 102.7 | 57.1 | 5.7 | 14,741.5 |
| Sept. | 7.7 | 2.7 | 104.6 | 115.0 | 70.3 | 34.3 | 14,912.9 |

(a) See footnote (a) on page 39. (b) Excludes commitments in respect of temporary advances to woolbuyers and informal arrangements entered into, mainly with other financial institutions for meeting temporary needs. Includes commitments not subject to maximum overdraft rate. (c) Excludes commitments in respect of term loans and farm development loans. (d) Derived by subtracting weekly average of change in overdraft limits outstanding from overdraft approvals. Figures are approximations only due to unavoidable differences in the basis of compilation of the two series. (e) Due to changes in reporting procedures in April 1977 and July 1977 this series is not strictly comparable on a monthly basis.

ALL TRADING BANKS (a) : SELECTED LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA (b)
(£ million)

| Average of weekly figures | Deposits | | | | Coin, bullion, notes and cash with Reserve Bank | Commonwealth and State Government securities | | Loans to authorised dealers in the short-term money market | Statutory reserve deposit account with Reserve Bank | Loans (other than loans to authorised dealers in the short-term money market), advances and bills discounted |
|---------------------------|----------|------------------|----------------------|----------|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | Current | | | | | Treasury bills and Treasury notes | Other | | | |
| | Fixed | Bearing interest | Not bearing interest | Total | | | | | | |
| 1974-75 | 8,004.8 | 682.0 | 5,185.8 | 13,872.5 | 291.3 | 780.8 | 2,268.0 | 187.1 | 462.2 | 10,629.6 |
| 1975-76 | 9,587.2 | 861.4 | 6,160.7 | 16,609.4 | 330.4 | 698.6 | 3,285.8 | 157.5 | 909.0 | 11,793.2 |
| 1976-77 | 11,550.4 | 907.7 | 6,660.7 | 19,118.8 | 380.6 | 641.1 | 3,852.9 | 165.2 | 1,303.6 | 13,328.7 |
| 1976-77 - | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 10,235.9 | 872.7 | 6,147.4 | 17,256.0 | 350.4 | 164.0 | 3,664.1 | 198.7 | 781.4 | 12,722.4 |
| Aug. | 10,603.5 | 864.1 | 6,172.8 | 17,640.3 | 345.5 | 97.7 | 3,864.3 | 155.8 | 790.1 | 12,857.8 |
| Sept. | 10,968.6 | 873.3 | 6,315.4 | 18,157.2 | 341.5 | 184.3 | 3,927.6 | 156.8 | 806.5 | 12,995.1 |
| Oct. | 11,385.9 | 867.9 | 6,327.4 | 18,581.2 | 355.6 | 347.5 | 3,884.1 | 154.7 | 827.0 | 13,480.5 |
| Nov. | 11,573.9 | 864.7 | 6,487.2 | 18,927.8 | 371.5 | 462.4 | 3,850.4 | 203.2 | 933.7 | 13,504.6 |
| Dec. (c) | 11,649.3 | 908.1 | 6,974.4 | 19,531.8 | 467.6 | 689.4 | 3,946.1 | 247.0 | 1,037.9 | 13,440.1 |
| Jan. | 11,938.8 | 925.7 | 7,021.4 | 19,886.0 | 405.9 | 1,278.6 | 3,932.5 | 182.8 | 1,379.2 | 13,295.3 |
| Feb. | 12,311.1 | 955.5 | 7,139.8 | 20,406.3 | 397.7 | 1,562.4 | 3,994.2 | 208.0 | 1,680.1 | 13,013.1 |
| Mar. | 12,451.5 | 935.8 | 7,149.0 | 20,536.4 | 382.8 | 1,601.3 | 4,037.5 | 121.8 | 1,861.4 | 13,185.7 |
| Apr. | 12,178.6 | 927.0 | 6,916.2 | 20,021.7 | 398.3 | 927.7 | 3,947.8 | 76.7 | 1,879.6 | 13,605.2 |
| May | 11,785.5 | 885.7 | 6,606.2 | 19,277.3 | 379.4 | 313.6 | 3,624.5 | 150.0 | 1,847.2 | 13,814.4 |
| June | 11,462.7 | 992.3 | 6,640.8 | 19,095.8 | 379.9 | 78.8 | 3,567.9 | 144.8 | 1,704.2 | 13,985.3 |
| 1977-78 - | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 11,219.4 | 952.8 | 6,583.4 | 18,755.6 | 374.8 | 74.5 | 3,517.5 | 145.0 | 1,396.4 | 14,239.6 |
| Aug. | 11,342.7 | 932.7 | 6,586.3 | 18,861.7 | 378.2 | 50.5 | 3,483.0 | 178.9 | 1,369.5 | 14,263.4 |

(a) Covers the major trading banks, and in addition Bank of New Zealand, Bank of Queensland Limited, Banque Nationale de Paris, the General Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales, State Bank of South Australia and the Rural Department of the Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia. (b) Includes External Territories. (c) Excludes one Wednesday.

ALL TRADING BANKS : DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS (a)
(Excluding debits to Australian Government Accounts at city branches in State capitals)
(£ million)

| Average of weekly figures | N.S.W. | Vic. | Qld | S.A. | W.A. | Tas. | N.T. | A.C.T. | Total |
|---------------------------|---------|---------|---------|-------|-------|-------|------|--------|----------|
| 1974-75 | 3,805.9 | 2,898.8 | 817.9 | 456.6 | 515.9 | 119.4 | 22.7 | 78.6 | 8,715.6 |
| 1975-76 | 4,462.0 | 3,808.0 | 1,027.4 | 578.0 | 680.0 | 150.2 | 27.8 | 118.1 | 10,851.5 |
| 1976-77 | 5,156.3 | 4,588.4 | 1,230.7 | 690.0 | 814.4 | 179.8 | 35.6 | 138.7 | 12,833.8 |
| 1976-77 - | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 4,621.9 | 4,110.2 | 1,157.9 | 629.9 | 750.9 | 169.7 | 33.6 | 118.1 | 11,592.2 |
| Aug. | 4,913.0 | 4,161.6 | 1,118.0 | 618.7 | 714.8 | 164.1 | 31.1 | 112.3 | 11,833.6 |
| Sept. | 5,009.5 | 4,223.1 | 1,193.9 | 621.2 | 729.4 | 168.4 | 41.1 | 115.8 | 12,102.3 |
| Oct. | 4,733.5 | 4,252.4 | 1,195.4 | 619.4 | 772.6 | 171.9 | 32.4 | 114.0 | 11,891.6 |
| Nov. | 5,219.0 | 4,654.7 | 1,210.4 | 713.5 | 787.9 | 185.6 | 33.1 | 137.2 | 12,941.5 |
| Dec. | 5,409.9 | 4,818.6 | 1,259.8 | 736.5 | 855.2 | 202.1 | 66.8 | 172.7 | 13,521.7 |
| Jan. | 4,997.5 | 4,476.7 | 1,209.0 | 652.1 | 834.0 | 160.5 | 25.3 | 164.5 | 12,519.4 |
| Feb. | 5,004.6 | 4,407.4 | 1,197.5 | 704.6 | 836.2 | 171.5 | 28.4 | 143.8 | 12,494.0 |
| Mar. | 5,362.4 | 4,760.4 | 1,204.6 | 725.4 | 855.2 | 185.8 | 29.0 | 134.3 | 13,257.0 |
| Apr. | 5,363.9 | 4,569.9 | 1,212.8 | 692.4 | 837.7 | 188.0 | 28.2 | 122.5 | 13,015.3 |
| May | 5,646.1 | 5,252.4 | 1,284.8 | 748.4 | 909.2 | 200.9 | 33.5 | 173.6 | 14,269.0 |
| June | 5,443.8 | 5,209.3 | 1,421.8 | 789.7 | 875.5 | 184.0 | 36.3 | 150.7 | 14,111.2 |
| 1977-78 - | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 5,684.5 | 5,525.5 | 1,400.9 | 766.9 | 920.8 | 213.0 | 34.0 | 147.2 | 14,692.7 |
| Aug. | 5,437.9 | 4,819.2 | 1,260.9 | 716.9 | 880.1 | 181.0 | 31.0 | 120.8 | 13,447.8 |

(a) Includes the banks listed in footnote (a) above, the Rural Credits Department of the Reserve Bank and the Commonwealth Development Bank.

SAVINGS BANKS : SELECTED ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA (a)
(£ million)

| At end of - | Coin, bullion and notes | Deposits with Reserve Bank | Deposits with trading banks | Commonwealth and State Government securities (b) | Local and semi-government securities | Loans to authorised dealers in the short-term money market | Loans, advances and bills discounted | |
|-------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------|
| | | | | | | | Housing | Other |
| June 1974 | 27.3 | 1,052.7 | 230.3 | 2,940.6 | 2,830.3 | 51.9 | 3,672.8 | 513.3 |
| June 1975 | 32.6 | 907.6 | 391.0 | 2,962.1 | (c)3,285.2 | 80.2 | 4,717.4 | (c)573.6 |
| June 1976 | 40.4 | 1,033.8 | 266.2 | 2,824.7 | 3,893.6 | 70.1 | 6,049.7 | 695.3 |
| 1976-77 - | | | | | | | | |
| July | 36.4 | 1,111.2 | 261.0 | 2,833.5 | 3,898.3 | 108.3 | 6,145.3 | 717.5 |
| Aug. | 38.8 | 1,082.8 | 285.8 | 2,917.9 | 3,972.0 | 121.9 | 6,232.9 | 722.4 |
| Sept. | 33.5 | 1,126.2 | 359.4 | 3,015.8 | 4,047.9 | 60.8 | 6,405.5 | 717.8 |
| Oct. | 32.8 | 1,172.2 | 287.6 | 3,052.4 | 4,112.8 | 73.4 | 6,490.2 | 749.3 |
| Nov. | 50.4 | 1,216.5 | 256.9 | 3,035.6 | 4,195.0 | 50.7 | 6,582.8 | 739.2 |
| Dec. | 52.8 | 1,426.5 | 241.5 | 2,750.1 | 4,273.4 | 61.3 | 6,725.7 | 757.6 |
| Jan. | 38.9 | 1,306.9 | 240.0 | 2,913.4 | 4,302.7 | 26.7 | 6,769.7 | 708.1 |
| Feb. | 45.7 | 1,381.9 | 224.7 | 2,975.6 | 4,344.5 | 36.2 | 6,843.6 | 729.5 |
| Mar. | 34.1 | 1,434.5 | 165.4 | 2,819.1 | 4,386.3 | 31.5 | 7,003.8 | 752.9 |
| Apr. | 40.6 | 1,250.5 | 202.0 | 2,808.1 | 4,404.2 | 52.8 | 7,090.5 | 754.8 |
| May | 43.8 | 1,042.1 | 154.6 | 2,893.3 | 4,426.8 | 53.7 | 7,172.1 | 771.2 |
| June | 40.4 | 1,055.6 | 169.3 | 2,720.7 | 4,461.4 | 70.8 | 7,258.7 | 775.1 |
| 1977-78 - | | | | | | | | |
| July | 39.5 | 1,097.8 | 201.2 | 2,670.9 | 4,507.3 | 69.3 | 7,323.2 | 796.1 |
| Aug. | 38.9 | 1,077.0 | 195.3 | 2,775.7 | 4,533.5 | 60.0 | 7,444.4 | 803.1 |

(a) Includes External Territories. (b) Includes Treasury bills and Treasury notes. (c) Data from June 1975 have been revised to reflect a change in accounting procedures by one bank.

SAVINGS BANKS : DEPOSITORS' BALANCES
(£ million)

| At end of - | N.S.W. | Vic. | Qld | S.A. | W.A. | Tas. | N.T. | A.C.T. | Australia | |
|-------------|---------|------------|---------|---------|-------|-------|------|--------|--------------|---------------------|
| | | | | | | | | | Original (a) | Seasonally adjusted |
| June 1974 | 3,503.7 | 3,930.1 | 1,428.4 | 1,174.8 | 685.0 | 328.0 | 45.1 | 100.4 | 11,195.6 | 11,216.5 |
| June 1975 | 3,835.9 | (b)4,668.5 | 1,618.2 | 1,394.6 | 779.4 | 382.3 | 71.4 | 118.2 | (b)12,868.5 | (b)12,891.2 |
| June 1976 | 4,348.9 | 5,377.6 | 1,940.3 | 1,617.3 | 897.7 | 430.6 | 76.3 | 133.8 | 14,822.5 | 14,828.0 |
| 1976-77 - | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 4,390.7 | 5,442.1 | 1,968.0 | 1,634.3 | 906.9 | 435.6 | 75.3 | 132.8 | 14,985.8 | 15,022.0 |
| Aug. | 4,456.0 | 5,511.0 | 2,001.6 | 1,653.8 | 922.1 | 444.7 | 77.2 | 134.6 | 15,201.1 | 15,185.5 |
| Sept. | 4,536.6 | 5,627.1 | 2,045.9 | 1,676.0 | 944.4 | 453.4 | 78.6 | 138.9 | 15,501.0 | 15,348.1 |
| Oct. | 4,571.8 | 5,698.6 | 2,056.6 | 1,686.0 | 943.5 | 456.0 | 78.6 | 138.0 | 15,629.1 | 15,462.4 |
| Nov. | 4,584.1 | 5,735.3 | 2,065.9 | 1,695.9 | 945.4 | 457.2 | 77.7 | 138.5 | 15,700.0 | 15,566.9 |
| Dec. | 4,606.0 | 5,810.1 | 2,076.5 | 1,719.4 | 948.9 | 457.9 | 76.5 | 138.5 | 15,833.8 | 15,757.7 |
| Jan. | 4,622.2 | 5,795.1 | 2,073.7 | 1,728.1 | 953.6 | 461.0 | 74.7 | 136.7 | 15,845.1 | 15,828.5 |
| Feb. | 4,678.9 | 5,897.0 | 2,101.8 | 1,760.5 | 965.1 | 471.5 | 75.5 | 140.0 | 16,090.3 | 16,030.2 |
| Mar. | 4,647.5 | 5,866.1 | 2,073.1 | 1,739.2 | 954.9 | 469.8 | 74.2 | 139.8 | 15,964.5 | 16,023.9 |
| Apr. | 4,646.3 | 5,856.1 | 2,059.1 | 1,728.1 | 945.7 | 467.3 | 73.4 | 137.6 | 15,913.6 | 16,174.2 |
| May | 4,698.7 | 5,856.9 | 2,094.2 | 1,735.3 | 950.0 | 470.0 | 73.2 | 138.5 | 16,016.9 | 16,244.0 |
| June | 4,803.3 | 5,977.5 | 2,148.7 | 1,780.8 | 960.5 | 477.1 | 74.7 | 142.7 | 16,365.4 | 16,389.8 |
| 1977-78 - | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 4,828.9 | 6,046.2 | 2,175.6 | 1,789.4 | 966.2 | 480.3 | 75.5 | 142.7 | 16,504.8 | 16,533.4 |
| Aug. | 4,861.7 | 6,120.2 | 2,204.3 | 1,796.5 | 973.0 | 491.9 | 75.6 | 143.4 | 16,666.6 | 16,611.1 |

(a) Interest added 1973-74, \$404.0m; 1974-75, \$513.9m; 1975-76, \$613.4m; 1976-77, \$715.6m. (b) Data from June 1975 have been revised to reflect a change in accounting procedures by one bank.

The following series of statistics cover the main types of lending by finance companies in Australia, including instalment credit for retail sales, personal loans, wholesale finance, factoring, other consumer and commercial loans, leasing and bills of exchange. Definitions of items and information on the relationship of this series with the finance companies series prior to July 1973 are contained in the annual bulletin *Finance Companies Assets, Liabilities, Income and Expenditure 1971-72 to 1975-76* (Catalogue No. 5616.0. Previously Ref. No. 5.40). More detailed statistics are also contained in the monthly bulletin *Finance Companies* (Catalogue No. 5614.0. Previously Ref. No. 5.14) and a further dissection of "amount financed" by purpose of loan for instalment credit for retail sales provided by finance companies is given in the monthly bulletin *Instalment Credit for Retail Sales* (Catalogue No. 5631.0. Previously Ref. No. 5.46).

FINANCE COMPANIES : AMOUNT FINANCED CLASSIFIED BY TYPE OF FINANCE AGREEMENT
(\\$ million)

| Other consumer and commercial loans | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Period | Instalment credit for retail sales | Personal loans (a) | Wholesale finance | Factoring | Finance for housing | | Other commercial loans | | | Total amount financed |
| | | | | | Purchase of existing housing | Construc- tion of housing (b) | Purchase of individual residential blocks of land | Construc- tion other than housing | Other purposes (c) | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| AUSTRALIA | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1974-75 | 1,154.5 | 335.5 | 2,143.5 | 183.2 | 179.1 | 304.6 | 90.2 | 299.0 | 1,031.8 | 5,721.3 |
| 1975-76 | 1,394.4 | 508.9 | 2,873.6 | 237.4 | 418.1 | 439.4 | 132.4 | 421.8 | 1,223.3 | 7,649.5 |
| 1976-77 | 1,548.3 | 631.0 | 3,869.2 | 247.1 | 516.2 | 514.3 | 165.1 | 569.5 | 1,430.8 | 9,491.7 |
| 1976-77 - | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 130.7 | 47.9 | 289.8 | 17.7 | 47.2 | 53.7 | 14.7 | 51.4 | 131.8 | 785.0 |
| Aug. | 124.7 | 48.3 | 299.1 | 26.5 | 47.6 | 47.3 | 13.1 | 40.2 | 91.5 | 732.5 |
| Sept. | 128.2 | 49.5 | 323.0 | 21.7 | 38.3 | 47.4 | 13.5 | 43.0 | 104.5 | 769.0 |
| Oct. | 130.7 | 53.5 | 347.7 | 20.7 | 40.7 | 47.2 | 15.1 | 40.9 | 121.8 | 818.3 |
| Nov. | 135.8 | 61.8 | 337.6 | 22.8 | 42.2 | 47.1 | 14.2 | 44.7 | 120.9 | 827.2 |
| Dec. | 144.7 | 55.6 | 364.3 | 23.2 | 56.3 | 53.7 | 16.3 | 57.4 | 121.0 | 892.6 |
| Jan. | 111.2 | 41.1 | 251.4 | 11.8 | 32.4 | 25.5 | 9.7 | 32.3 | 81.5 | 597.0 |
| Feb. | 118.4 | 50.0 | 297.8 | 20.8 | 39.8 | 36.6 | 12.9 | 42.5 | 99.4 | 718.2 |
| Mar. | 135.1 | 57.1 | 365.0 | 25.4 | 45.3 | 39.4 | 13.6 | 44.9 | 108.3 | 834.1 |
| Apr. | 118.1 | 48.8 | 301.2 | 19.5 | 42.2 | 35.8 | 12.6 | 47.0 | 139.7 | 764.8 |
| May | 135.7 | 59.2 | 355.8 | 22.7 | 43.4 | 41.0 | 11.9 | 60.4 | 132.2 | 862.4 |
| June | 134.9 | 58.3 | 336.5 | 20.4 | 40.8 | 39.5 | 17.3 | 64.8 | 178.2 | 890.5 |
| 1977-78 - | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 127.5 | 51.7 | 322.1 | 20.0 | 41.5 | 40.0 | 12.9 | 59.8 | 157.9 | 833.4 |
| Aug. | 134.7 | 55.8 | 346.4 | 26.1 | 44.4 | 40.0 | 13.7 | 55.2 | 139.5 | 855.6 |
| STATES - JULY 1977 | | | | | | | | | | |
| N.S.W. | 44.6 | 19.0 | 112.9 | 7.1 | 10.6 | 11.8 | 2.6 | 21.1 | 50.7 | 280.4 |
| Vic. | 27.6 | 16.4 | 76.9 | 10.2 | 9.6 | 10.7 | 1.8 | 20.7 | 71.8 | 245.8 |
| Qld | 21.3 | 7.2 | 50.0 | (d) | 6.7 | 5.3 | 4.3 | 5.5 | 17.1 | 117.4 |
| S.A. | 11.4 | (e)4.1 | (e)35.7 | (d) | 7.4 | 5.7 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 4.5 | 70.4 |
| W.A. | 13.6 | 2.3 | 36.2 | (d) | 5.6 | 4.2 | 1.7 | 4.8 | 10.5 | 79.1 |
| Tas. | 5.1 | 1.0 | 8.7 | .. | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 1.4 | 2.6 | 18.5 |
| N.T. | 1.1 | (e) | (e) | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 5.0 |
| A.C.T. | 2.8 | 1.6 | 4.4 | .. | 0.8 | 1.6 | 0.3 | 4.6 | 0.7 | 16.8 |
| STATES - AUGUST 1977 | | | | | | | | | | |
| N.S.W. | 46.9 | 21.2 | 122.5 | 9.5 | 11.4 | 9.7 | 2.9 | 14.7 | 39.4 | 278.2 |
| Vic. | 30.2 | 17.0 | 89.0 | 13.0 | 12.1 | 11.2 | 1.7 | 24.1 | 67.6 | 265.9 |
| Qld | 21.4 | 8.4 | 52.6 | (d) | 5.9 | 5.7 | 4.4 | 6.2 | 14.1 | 118.6 |
| S.A. | 11.8 | (e)4.3 | (e)39.3 | (d) | 7.8 | 5.5 | 2.3 | 2.7 | 4.8 | 76.8 |
| W.A. | 14.4 | 2.2 | 33.1 | (d) | 5.7 | 6.0 | 2.2 | 4.0 | 9.0 | 76.5 |
| Tas. | 5.5 | 1.0 | 10.0 | .. | 1.0 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 3.3 | 20.6 |
| N.T. | 1.2 | (e) | (e) | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 4.0 |
| A.C.T. | 3.3 | 1.6 | 3.5 | .. | 0.6 | 1.3 | 0.1 | 3.2 | 1.3 | 15.0 |

(a) Includes loans to persons for alterations or additions estimated to cost less than \$10,000 to existing dwelling units. (b) Includes loans to persons for alterations or additions estimated to cost \$10,000 or more to existing dwelling units. (c) Includes loans for the purpose of developing tracts of land into residential blocks. (d) Not available separately; included in "wholesale finance". (e) Northern Territory included in South Australia.

FINANCE COMPANIES : BALANCES OUTSTANDING CLASSIFIED BY TYPE OF FINANCE AGREEMENT
(\$ million)

| At end of - | Installment credit for retail sales | Personal loans | Wholesale finance | Factoring | Other consumer and commercial loans | | | | | Total of contracts |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|--------------------------|
| | | | | | Finance for housing | | Other commercial loans | | | |
| | | | | | Contracts including charges | Contracts excluding charges | Contracts including charges | Contracts excluding charges | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| AUSTRALIA | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1974-75 | 1,922.0 | 579.7 | 360.9 | 45.1 | 1,260.2 | 978.4 | 715.1 | 2,238.7 | 8,100.2 | |
| 1975-76 | 2,255.2 | 778.8 | 589.3 | 51.3 | 1,368.9 | 1,021.2 | 946.1 | 2,238.3 | 9,249.0 | |
| 1976-77 | 2,636.6 | 1,018.9 | 913.2 | 60.9 | 1,657.8 | 1,090.5 | 1,123.8 | 2,561.6 | 11,063.3 | |
| 1976-77 - | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 2,297.7 | 795.2 | 604.0 | 48.6 | 1,411.0 | 1,000.2 | 971.2 | 2,281.8 | 9,409.6 | |
| Aug. | 2,329.0 | 813.1 | 661.6 | 52.8 | 1,439.8 | 1,015.8 | 986.7 | 2,292.4 | 9,591.2 | |
| Sept. | 2,362.3 | 831.2 | 709.4 | 56.2 | 1,459.6 | 1,030.9 | 999.9 | 2,290.9 | 9,740.6 | |
| Oct. | 2,401.2 | 857.5 | 759.6 | 58.4 | 1,479.4 | 1,045.8 | 1,005.0 | 2,325.4 | 9,932.2 | |
| Nov. | 2,438.1 | 889.9 | 787.9 | 58.2 | 1,486.6 | 1,054.0 | 1,033.5 | 2,363.8 | 10,112.0 | |
| Dec. | 2,491.7 | 911.0 | 804.1 | 59.2 | 1,517.7 | 1,058.4 | 1,059.9 | 2,374.8 | 10,276.9 | |
| Jan. | 2,520.9 | 924.5 | 784.1 | 51.6 | 1,532.3 | 1,067.2 | 1,073.4 | 2,329.2 | 10,283.0 | |
| Feb. | 2,541.6 | 942.3 | 805.0 | 52.7 | 1,555.0 | 1,078.2 | 1,057.6 | 2,385.8 | 10,418.2 | |
| Mar. | 2,555.1 | 960.3 | 844.8 | 60.2 | 1,579.6 | 1,075.0 | 1,059.1 | 2,410.8 | 10,544.9 | |
| Apr. | 2,577.9 | 976.7 | 871.9 | 62.5 | 1,608.4 | 1,083.6 | 1,073.5 | 2,496.7 | 10,751.2 | |
| May | 2,602.8 | 995.8 | 895.6 | 62.5 | 1,632.8 | 1,086.6 | 1,095.6 | 2,554.2 | 10,926.0 | |
| June | 2,636.6 | 1,018.9 | 913.2 | 60.9 | 1,657.8 | 1,090.5 | 1,123.8 | 2,561.6 | 11,063.3 | |
| 1977-78 - | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 2,661.4 | 1,035.2 | 926.0 | 59.9 | 1,677.3 | 1,088.1 | 1,143.8 | 2,470.9 | 11,062.8 | |
| Aug. | 2,683.5 | 1,051.7 | 941.9 | 66.5 | 1,679.1 | 1,073.0 | 1,152.7 | 2,463.9 | 11,112.2 | |
| STATES - JULY 1977 | | | | | | | | | | |
| N.S.W. | 923.9 | 423.8 | 294.7 | 19.1 | 440.7 | 383.9 | 347.6 | 1,169.5 | 4,003.2 | |
| Vic. | 582.1 | 316.1 | 244.5 | 33.6 | 328.9 | 312.2 | 274.4 | 834.0 | 2,925.9 | |
| Qld | 462.7 | 134.9 | 142.1 | (a) | 492.6 | 153.9 | 226.0 | 246.2 | 1,858.4 | |
| S.A.(b) | 270.1 | 80.1 | 88.8 | (a) | 237.5 | 112.7 | 98.4 | 55.2 | 942.7 | |
| W.A. | 258.5 | 39.4 | 136.0 | (a) | 119.6 | 76.1 | 141.6 | 79.5 | 850.7 | |
| Tas. | 97.9 | 12.3 | 19.4 | .. | 3.4 | 13.8 | 29.8 | 7.5 | 184.2 | |
| N.T. | (b) | (b) | (b) | .. | (b) | (b) | (b) | (b) | (b) | |
| A.C.T. | 66.2 | 28.7 | 7.8 | .. | 54.7 | 35.4 | 26.0 | 79.0 | 297.7 | |
| STATES - AUGUST 1977 | | | | | | | | | | |
| N.S.W. | 930.1 | 429.2 | 301.2 | 21.5 | 439.5 | 361.4 | 350.0 | 1,177.8 | 4,010.7 | |
| Vic | 587.4 | 320.0 | 252.7 | 36.8 | 330.8 | 314.3 | 276.8 | 825.0 | 2,943.8 | |
| Qld | 465.9 | 139.1 | 142.9 | (a) | 487.4 | 156.6 | 228.2 | 220.4 | 1,840.5 | |
| S.A.(b) | 270.4 | 80.7 | 88.6 | (a) | 240.5 | 112.3 | 99.9 | 57.0 | 949.4 | |
| W.A. | 263.6 | 40.3 | 137.3 | (a) | 122.3 | 80.5 | 141.6 | 75.6 | 861.3 | |
| Tas. | 99.4 | 13.2 | 19.5 | .. | 3.6 | 14.1 | 30.2 | 8.3 | 188.2 | |
| N.T. | (b) | (b) | (b) | .. | (b) | (b) | (b) | (b) | (b) | |
| A.C.T. | 66.8 | 29.2 | 7.8 | .. | 55.0 | 33.9 | 25.9 | 99.8 | 318.4 | |

(a) Not available separately; included in 'wholesale finance'. (b) Northern Territory included in South Australia.

FINANCE COMPANIES : OTHER TRANSACTIONS
(*\$ million*)

| Period | <i>Leasing of business plant and equipment</i> | | <i>Bills of exchange</i> | | | <i>Liquidity placements</i> | <i>Loans to non-finance companies in group</i> |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| | <i>Value of goods newly leased during period</i> | <i>Value of all leasing agreements at end of period</i> | <i>Amounts paid for bills acquired during period</i> | <i>Amounts received for bills disposed of during period</i> | <i>Balances outstanding at end of period</i> | <i>Balances outstanding at end of period</i> | <i>Balances outstanding at end of period</i> |
| AUSTRALIA | | | | | | | |
| 1974-75 | 586.2 | 1,430.0 | 3,578.8 | 3,516.0 | 547.8 | 471.2 | 197.9 |
| 1975-76 | 1,016.4 | 1,923.8 | 4,179.6 | 4,057.4 | 658.6 | 334.2 | 259.5 |
| 1976-77 | 1,408.4 | 2,734.2 | 5,421.3 | 5,309.5 | 718.2 | 272.5 | 302.9 |
| 1976-77 — | | | | | | | |
| July | 100.4 | 1,957.3 | 391.3 | 386.2 | 663.8 | 330.5 | 267.2 |
| Aug. | 92.9 | 2,005.8 | 428.3 | 395.5 | 696.8 | 384.3 | 267.8 |
| Sept. | 105.0 | 2,072.6 | 400.8 | 416.4 | 681.5 | 400.0 | 304.2 |
| Oct. | 106.7 | 2,117.7 | 401.4 | 376.9 | 702.6 | 433.6 | 317.7 |
| Nov. | 115.9 | 2,189.2 | 381.6 | 335.4 | 749.0 | 455.3 | 328.8 |
| Dec. | 144.4 | 2,283.8 | 345.8 | 370.5 | 724.5 | 490.2 | 340.0 |
| Jan. | 95.6 | 2,328.9 | 343.3 | 337.0 | 743.4 | 500.4 | 294.5 |
| Feb. | 111.3 | 2,419.5 | 564.3 | 616.4 | 688.1 | 532.9 | 318.0 |
| Mar. | 134.3 | 2,480.7 | 666.9 | 726.6 | 630.5 | 494.5 | 338.8 |
| Apr. | 117.7 | 2,554.1 | 487.5 | 481.9 | 572.3 | 414.3 | 347.4 |
| May | 128.0 | 2,626.8 | 499.7 | 444.7 | 623.2 | 381.1 | 359.8 |
| June | 156.2 | 2,734.2 | 510.8 | 422.0 | 718.2 | 272.5 | 302.9 |
| 1977-78 — | | | | | | | |
| July | 132.5 | 2,798.8 | 570.2 | 538.9 | 749.5 | 276.4 | 302.9 |
| Aug. | 134.1 | 2,905.7 | 670.3 | 682.8 | 737.8 | 348.7 | 321.4 |
| STATES — JULY 1977 | | | | | | | |
| N.S.W. | 40.4 | 867.8 | | | | | |
| Vic. | 41.9 | 886.2 | | | | | |
| Qld. | 22.5 | 486.8 | | | | | |
| S.A. (a) | 10.0 | 229.6 | | | | | |
| W.A. | 12.4 | 233.3 | | | | | |
| Tas. | 2.7 | 49.0 | | | | | |
| N.T. | (a) | (a) | | | | | |
| A.C.T. | 2.7 | 46.0 | | | | | |
| STATES — AUGUST 1977 | | | | | | | |
| N.S.W. | 42.0 | 899.8 | | | | | |
| Vic. | 42.2 | 914.1 | | | | | |
| Qld. | 22.5 | 504.7 | | | | | |
| S.A. (a) | 10.9 | 247.8 | | | | | |
| W.A. | 12.0 | 242.0 | | | | | |
| Tas. | 2.0 | 49.7 | | | | | |
| N.T. | (a) | (a) | | | | | |
| A.C.T. | 2.5 | 47.4 | | | | | |

(a) Northern Territory included in South Australia.

PERMANENT BUILDING SOCIETIES : LOANS APPROVED DURING MONTH (\$'000)

| Period | Construction of dwellings | To individuals for | | | Alterations and additions | Other purposes |
|----------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| | | Purchase of newly erected dwellings | Purchase of established dwellings | Total | | |
| AUSTRALIA | | | | | | |
| 1976-77 - | | | | | | |
| July | 15,987 | 17,716 | 61,808 | 95,511 | 2,088 | 3,092 |
| Aug. | 17,560 | 21,848 | 71,073 | 110,490 | 2,345 | 3,011 |
| Sept. | 18,192 | 23,014 | 87,242 | 128,448 | 2,520 | 5,591 |
| Oct. | 17,279 | 25,138 | 91,146 | 133,563 | 2,370 | 7,444 |
| Nov. | 17,369 | 30,897 | 101,940 | 150,206 | 3,023 | 4,792 |
| Dec. | 17,013 | 24,000 | 90,679 | 131,692 | 1,913 | 7,205 |
| Jan. | 14,911 | 20,183 | 76,189 | 111,283 | 1,821 | 4,018 |
| Feb. | 15,658 | 23,138 | 95,184 | 133,980 | 2,117 | 5,790 |
| Mar. | 21,149 | 24,646 | 103,833 | 149,628 | 2,202 | 8,597 |
| Apr. | 16,017 | 20,548 | 85,034 | 121,599 | 1,978 | 8,172 |
| May | 21,678 | 22,086 | 104,802 | 148,566 | 2,356 | 7,160 |
| June | 19,373 | 22,561 | 96,009 | 137,943 | 2,417 | 5,183 |
| 1977-78 - | | | | | | |
| July | 21,555 | 26,544 | 107,733 | 155,832 | 2,411 | 8,047 |
| Aug. | 27,330 | 31,549 | 115,022 | 173,901 | 3,593 | 8,211 |
| STATES - AUGUST 1977 | | | | | | |
| N.S.W. | 7,735 | 10,263 | 48,558 | 66,556 | 1,242 | 1,416 |
| Vic. | 2,959 | 9,515 | 23,674 | 36,148 | 727 | 2,637 |
| Qld | 3,276 | 3,867 | 17,114 | 24,257 | 264 | 439 |
| S.A. | 571 | 2,167 | 6,258 | 8,996 | 408 | 350 |
| W.A. | 12,273 | 3,634 | 15,742 | 31,649 | 591 | 3,249 |
| Tas. | 375 | 298 | 2,141 | 2,814 | 185 | 85 |
| A.C.T. and N.T. | 141 | 1,805 | 1,535 | 3,481 | 176 | 35 |

PERMANENT BUILDING SOCIETIES : SUMMARY OF MONTHLY OPERATIONS (\$'000)

| Period | Loans advanced during month to individuals | Cancellations during month of loans previously approved to individuals | Loans approved but not advanced at end of month to individuals | Amount owing by borrowers at end of month | Paid-up share capital at end of month | Other borrowings by Societies at end of month | |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------|
| | | | | | | Unsecured | Secured |
| AUSTRALIA | | | | | | | |
| 1976-77 - | | | | | | | |
| July | 88,514 | 5,668 | 215,154 | 4,167,472 | 3,826,805 | 1,016,146 | 194,820 |
| Aug. | 93,624 | 4,606 | 229,759 | 4,217,783 | 3,942,623 | 1,051,910 | 186,535 |
| Sept. | 107,200 | 6,129 | 247,398 | 4,279,806 | 4,060,128 | 1,090,203 | 184,232 |
| Oct. | 114,739 | 5,188 | 263,454 | 4,352,957 | 4,163,329 | 1,140,303 | 184,271 |
| Nov. | 127,298 | 6,812 | 282,573 | 4,436,152 | 4,272,038 | 1,165,620 | 191,830 |
| Dec. | 154,471 | 5,734 | 256,121 | 4,534,013 | 4,384,369 | 1,238,686 | 187,534 |
| Jan. | 87,589 | 5,413 | 276,066 | 4,594,606 | 4,475,971 | 1,275,864 | 187,261 |
| Feb. | 120,205 | 7,800 | 284,152 | 4,671,893 | 4,551,494 | 1,308,217 | 193,139 |
| Mar. | 138,122 | 8,411 | 289,449 | 4,761,217 | 4,532,958 | 1,303,991 | 213,771 |
| Apr. | 117,892 | 6,894 | 288,240 | 4,838,903 | 4,538,195 | 1,294,300 | 201,916 |
| May | 141,017 | 7,715 | 290,474 | 4,931,282 | 4,643,060 | 1,293,917 | 203,812 |
| June | 138,808 | 7,456 | 284,516 | 5,018,543 | 4,711,087 | 1,309,910 | 224,104 |
| 1977-78 - | | | | | | | |
| July | 139,219 | 7,898 | 296,323 | 5,139,478 | 4,843,333 | 1,362,445 | 201,592 |
| Aug. | 157,364 | 8,556 | 308,551 | 5,245,267 | 4,928,333 | 1,397,531 | 210,437 |
| STATES - AUGUST 1977 | | | | | | | |
| N.S.W. | 62,999 | 4,655 | 157,799 | 2,079,369 | 2,655,485 | 14,837 | 61,027 |
| Vic. | 30,036 | 1,283 | 57,360 | 974,586 | 292,896 | 872,291 | 15,342 |
| Qld | 20,975 | 259 | 26,577 | 766,699 | 858,361 | 30,708 | 7,624 |
| S.A. | 8,040 | 542 | 12,712 | 220,080 | 264,764 | 8,403 | 16,873 |
| W.A. | 28,759 | 1,494 | 42,895 | 960,545 | 657,390 | 401,515 | 76,883 |
| Tas. | 2,819 | 44 | 4,386 | 106,542 | 97,371 | 38,730 | 649 |
| A.C.T. and N.T. | 3,736 | 279 | 6,822 | 137,446 | 102,266 | 31,047 | 32,039 |

LIFE INSURANCE BUSINESS : NEW POLICIES ISSUED, PREMIUMS RECEIVED AND CLAIMS, ETC., PAID

| Period | New policies issued (excluding annuities) (a) | | | | | | Premiums received (b) | | | Claims, etc. paid (c) | | | New loans paid over (e) |
|-----------|-----------------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| | Ordinary business | | Industrial business | | Superannuation business (d) | | Ordinary | | Superannuation (d) | Ordinary | | Superannuation (d) | |
| | Number | Sum insured | Number | Sum insured | Number | Sum insured | Ordinary | Industrial | Sum | Ordinary | Industrial | Sum | |
| | '000 | \$m | '000 | \$m | '000 | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m |
| 1974-75 | 492.8 | 7,285.6 | 72.7 | 199.4 | 104.0 | 6,233.0 | 743.4 | 57.7 | 512.1 | 468.6 | 48.6 | 258.5 | 279.6 |
| 1975-76 | 467.3 | 8,339.9 | 60.2 | 192.9 | 120.4 | 7,461.1 | 791.6 | 56.7 | 617.5 | 491.7 | 50.5 | 329.2 | 204.0 |
| 1976-77 | 467.9 | 10,096.4 | 51.7 | 187.0 | 118.6 | 8,318.0 | 804.3 | 55.9 | 703.5 | 545.0 | 55.6 | 403.5 | 257.8 |
| 1975-76 - | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May | 38.7 | 740.0 | 6.8 | 22.7 | 9.5 | 548.4 | 66.5 | 5.3 | 57.5 | 44.0 | 4.7 | 20.5 | 21.4 |
| June | 44.7 | 861.8 | 5.9 | 19.3 | 11.5 | 816.3 | 104.0 | 4.8 | 63.3 | 53.3 | 4.5 | 31.1 | 22.8 |
| 1976-77 - | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 42.3 | 778.7 | 5.8 | 19.8 | 11.5 | 798.1 | 77.1 | 5.3 | 55.4 | 50.5 | 5.0 | 44.2 | 21.9 |
| Aug. | 42.7 | 825.3 | 6.5 | 23.5 | 11.5 | 619.3 | 64.7 | 4.8 | 54.0 | 45.7 | 4.9 | 30.2 | 20.7 |
| Sept. | 42.5 | 918.6 | 5.0 | 18.0 | 11.5 | 1,088.0 | 62.2 | 4.8 | 61.6 | 47.8 | 4.9 | 38.7 | 17.4 |
| Oct. | 41.2 | 833.9 | 4.4 | 16.8 | 9.6 | 716.7 | 58.4 | 4.1 | 50.0 | 40.1 | 4.9 | 23.2 | 28.7 |
| Nov. | 45.0 | 980.5 | 4.7 | 17.1 | 9.9 | 842.1 | 62.3 | 5.7 | 49.0 | 44.0 | 4.9 | 29.4 | 19.6 |
| Dec. | 40.2 | 1,006.9 | 1.7 | 6.2 | 13.2 | 1,105.9 | 63.9 | 7.3 | 51.5 | 45.2 | 3.9 | 34.0 | 23.8 |
| Jan. | 22.5 | 530.3 | 1.5 | 6.0 | 6.1 | 327.3 | 58.0 | 0.7 | 63.1 | 34.1 | 2.6 | 40.7 | 13.4 |
| Feb. | 30.9 | 664.6 | 4.0 | 14.2 | 8.2 | 436.4 | 61.4 | 4.2 | 64.1 | 40.6 | 4.2 | 29.7 | 19.3 |
| Mar. | 40.9 | 888.4 | 4.3 | 15.3 | 9.9 | 511.2 | 72.0 | 4.4 | 59.6 | 48.4 | 4.9 | 35.7 | 21.6 |
| Apr. | 33.4 | 760.0 | 3.5 | 13.0 | 7.9 | 450.6 | 61.3 | 5.2 | 60.2 | 39.7 | 4.5 | 32.9 | 25.0 |
| May | 42.5 | 904.4 | 5.0 | 18.4 | 9.6 | 609.7 | 71.3 | 4.9 | 65.4 | 48.9 | 5.7 | 30.1 | 22.6 |
| June | 43.7 | 1,004.7 | 5.1 | 18.6 | 9.9 | 812.4 | 91.7 | 4.5 | 69.6 | 59.9 | 5.1 | 34.6 | 23.7 |

(a) Relates to periods during which policies were recorded in company registers, which may be subsequent to periods in which written. (b) Includes consideration for annuities. (c) Includes claims paid on death or maturity, payments made on surrender of policies, annuities and bonuses paid in cash. (d) Includes investment-linked superannuation business. (e) Excludes 'advances of premiums'.

LIFE INSURANCE BUSINESS : SELECTED ASSETS HELD IN AUSTRALIA (a) BY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES
(\$ million)

| At end of - | Loans (b) | | | | | Investments | | | |
|---------------|--------------|---------|-------------------|-------------|-------|------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|---------|
| | On mortgage | | | | | | | | |
| | Fixed assets | Housing | Other incl. rural | On policies | Other | Govt. securities | Local and semi-govt. securities | Debentures and notes | Shares |
| June 1975 (c) | 1,818.4 | 491.1 | 840.6 | 284.4 | 80.9 | 1,946.9 | 808.1 | 846.2 | 1,406.7 |
| June 1976 | 2,115.3 | 487.1 | 821.8 | 279.5 | 62.7 | 2,108.3 | 861.1 | 936.4 | 1,595.1 |
| June 1977 | 2,364.6 | 499.8 | 796.6 | 287.7 | 77.5 | 2,327.8 | 909.2 | 915.1 | 1,791.9 |
| 1975-76 - | | | | | | | | | |
| Mar. | 2,045.3 | 485.3 | 827.5 | 275.8 | 62.2 | 2,108.4 | 848.3 | 883.4 | 1,533.0 |
| June | 2,115.3 | 487.1 | 821.8 | 279.5 | 62.7 | 2,108.3 | 861.1 | 936.4 | 1,595.1 |
| 1976-77 - | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. | 2,196.3 | 492.3 | 804.7 | 276.6 | 69.5 | 2,182.8 | 852.9 | 925.6 | 1,651.1 |
| Dec. | 2,300.1 | 494.9 | 808.9 | 277.4 | 65.6 | 2,284.3 | 873.5 | 916.5 | 1,711.5 |
| Mar. | 2,336.4 | 495.9 | 806.3 | 280.9 | 69.7 | 2,276.3 | 898.5 | 927.5 | 1,751.6 |
| June | 2,364.6 | 499.8 | 796.6 | 287.7 | 77.5 | 2,327.8 | 909.2 | 915.1 | 1,791.9 |

(a) Items shown are the balances according to the companies' ledgers as at the date at which the information was supplied without adjustment for any accrued or outstanding interest or other items which had not been brought into account as at that date. (b) Excludes 'advances of premiums'. (c) Includes Papua New Guinea.

**HOUSING FINANCE : VALUE OF LOANS APPROVED TO INDIVIDUALS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR PURCHASE OF DWELLINGS,
BY TYPE OF LENDER - AUSTRALIA
(\$'000)**

| Month | Banks | | Building societies | | Finance companies | Government | | Credit unions | Insurance companies | Total |
|-----------------|---------|---------|--------------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------|---------------|---------------------|---------|
| | Savings | Trading | Permanent | Term-lending | | Housing authorities | Other | | | |
| HOUSES | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1976-77 - | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 153,137 | 46,871 | 85,004 | 9,133 | 30,518 | 21,033 | 2,544 | 1,416 | 7,756 | 357,412 |
| Aug. | 152,370 | 53,341 | 97,728 | 21,822 | 29,470 | 22,828 | 4,124 | 1,387 | 7,803 | 390,873 |
| Sept. | 172,778 | 62,634 | 112,722 | 29,293 | 27,927 | 23,286 | 3,764 | 1,052 | 7,139 | 440,595 |
| Oct. | 163,060 | 55,912 | 118,890 | 20,763 | 26,817 | 19,137 | 3,782 | 1,486 | 6,398 | 416,245 |
| Nov. | 165,402 | 55,051 | 130,695 | 15,635 | 31,605 | 23,305 | 3,309 | 1,537 | 7,719 | 434,258 |
| Dec. | 163,303 | 49,779 | 113,500 | 12,586 | 31,228 | 23,486 | 3,018 | 1,527 | 6,896 | 405,323 |
| Jan. | 136,636 | 44,683 | 97,127 | 7,321 | 25,322 | 18,225 | 1,905 | 1,402 | 5,930 | 338,531 |
| Feb. | 156,329 | 47,947 | 117,301 | 11,667 | 30,264 | 20,577 | 3,853 | 1,665 | 8,118 | 397,721 |
| Mar. | 173,034 | 49,205 | 129,931 | 14,985 | 32,874 | 20,591 | 5,000 | 1,697 | 8,993 | 436,310 |
| Apr. | 129,140 | 42,106 | 105,752 | 11,146 | 28,226 | 14,527 | 4,452 | 1,231 | 7,172 | 343,752 |
| May | 151,970 | 42,076 | 128,226 | 9,686 | 30,086 | 18,310 | 4,334 | 1,618 | 8,214 | 394,520 |
| June | 166,767 | 49,470 | 120,223 | 10,890 | 28,977 | 18,704 | 3,724 | 1,607 | 7,904 | 408,266 |
| 1977-78 - | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 157,168 | 41,436 | 136,713 | 8,715 | 25,662 | 27,653 | 2,983 | 1,471 | 8,588 | 410,389 |
| Aug. | 170,841 | 53,352 | 152,770 | 14,786 | 24,624 | 20,805 | 3,989 | 1,450 | 7,952 | 450,569 |
| OTHER DWELLINGS | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1976-77 - | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 8,605 | 3,497 | 10,507 | 1,404 | 1,807 | 578 | 145 | 192 | 352 | 27,087 |
| Aug. | 10,906 | 4,656 | 12,762 | 1,815 | 1,896 | 817 | 260 | 130 | 562 | 33,804 |
| Sept. | 10,125 | 4,750 | 15,726 | 2,445 | 2,088 | 825 | 357 | 121 | 662 | 37,099 |
| Oct. | 9,300 | 4,425 | 14,673 | 1,959 | 2,097 | 766 | 190 | 103 | 296 | 33,809 |
| Nov. | 9,434 | 4,043 | 19,511 | 1,266 | 1,972 | 761 | 197 | 86 | 690 | 37,960 |
| Dec. | 9,561 | 3,926 | 18,192 | 909 | 1,591 | 688 | 105 | 200 | 472 | 35,644 |
| Jan. | 7,919 | 3,994 | 14,156 | 425 | 957 | 444 | 35 | 62 | 369 | 28,361 |
| Feb. | 8,384 | 3,672 | 16,679 | 1,142 | 1,929 | 710 | 145 | 183 | 450 | 33,294 |
| Mar. | 11,065 | 3,634 | 19,697 | 1,317 | 1,947 | 619 | 283 | 104 | 614 | 39,280 |
| Apr. | 8,497 | 2,749 | 15,847 | 903 | 1,179 | 281 | 184 | 112 | 807 | 30,559 |
| May | 9,799 | 2,854 | 20,340 | 918 | 3,221 | 604 | 226 | 107 | 613 | 38,682 |
| June | 9,512 | 3,335 | 17,720 | 822 | 2,520 | 576 | 219 | 74 | 691 | 35,469 |
| 1977-78 - | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 9,045 | 2,797 | 19,119 | 730 | 2,188 | 861 | 99 | 200 | 744 | 35,783 |
| Aug. | 9,879 | 3,685 | 21,131 | 932 | 1,989 | 719 | 48 | 226 | 646 | 39,255 |
| TOTAL | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1976-77 - | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 161,742 | 50,368 | 95,511 | 10,537 | 32,325 | 21,611 | 2,689 | 1,608 | 8,108 | 384,499 |
| Aug. | 163,276 | 57,997 | 110,490 | 23,637 | 31,366 | 23,645 | 4,384 | 1,517 | 8,365 | 424,677 |
| Sept. | 182,903 | 67,384 | 128,448 | 31,738 | 30,015 | 24,111 | 4,121 | 1,173 | 7,801 | 477,694 |
| Oct. | 172,360 | 60,337 | 133,563 | 22,722 | 28,914 | 19,903 | 3,972 | 1,589 | 6,694 | 450,054 |
| Nov. | 174,836 | 59,094 | 150,206 | 16,901 | 33,577 | 24,066 | 3,506 | 1,623 | 8,409 | 472,218 |
| Dec. | 172,864 | 53,705 | 131,692 | 13,495 | 32,815 | 24,174 | 3,123 | 1,727 | 7,368 | 440,967 |
| Jan. | 144,555 | 48,677 | 111,283 | 7,746 | 26,279 | 18,669 | 1,940 | 1,464 | 6,299 | 366,912 |
| Feb. | 164,713 | 51,619 | 133,980 | 12,809 | 32,193 | 21,287 | 3,998 | 1,848 | 8,568 | 431,015 |
| Mar. | 184,099 | 52,839 | 149,628 | 16,302 | 34,821 | 21,210 | 5,283 | 1,801 | 9,607 | 475,590 |
| Apr. | 137,637 | 44,855 | 121,599 | 12,049 | 29,405 | 14,808 | 4,636 | 1,343 | 7,979 | 374,311 |
| May | 161,769 | 44,930 | 148,566 | 10,604 | 33,307 | 18,914 | 4,560 | 1,725 | 8,827 | 433,202 |
| June | 176,279 | 52,805 | 137,943 | 11,712 | 31,497 | 19,280 | 3,943 | 1,681 | 8,595 | 443,735 |
| 1977-78 - | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 166,213 | 44,233 | 155,832 | 9,445 | 27,850 | 28,514 | 3,082 | 1,671 | 9,332 | 446,172 |
| Aug. | 180,720 | 57,037 | 173,901 | 15,718 | 26,613 | 21,524 | 4,037 | 1,676 | 8,598 | 489,824 |

SHORT TERM MONEY MARKET
SELECTED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF AUTHORISED DEALERS AND RATES OF INTEREST ON LOANS
 (Source: Reserve Bank of Australia)

(Source: Reserve Bank of Australia)

| Assets holdings (face value) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------|---------|------------------------------------|-------|---------|------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------|-------------------|-------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Month | Liabilities to clients | | | Commonwealth Government securities | | | Commercial bills | Trading Banks certificates of deposit | Interest rates on loans accepted during month | | | | Weighted average interest rates on loans outstanding (a) |
| | All Trading Banks | Other clients | Total | Treasury notes | Other | Total | | | At call | | For fixed periods | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Min. | Max. | Min. | Max. | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Average of weekly figures - \$ million | | | | | | | | per cent per annum | | | | | |
| June 1974 | 65.4 | 322.0 | 387.4 | 131.2 | 154.7 | 285.9 | 79.2 | 42.2 | 0.50 | 13.00 | 1.00 | 13.00 | 6.82 |
| June 1975 | 167.4 | 558.7 | 726.1 | 479.2 | 134.1 | 613.3 | 83.7 | 47.9 | 1.50 | 14.10 | 3.00 | 11.50 | 6.72 |
| June 1976 | 182.3 | 636.1 | 818.4 | 53.3 | 696.4 | 749.7 | 129.2 | 61.3 | 2.00 | 14.00 | 4.50 | 9.50 | 8.03 |
| 1976-77 - | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 198.7 | 650.2 | 848.9 | 20.8 | 742.5 | 763.3 | 109.4 | 69.5 | 1.00 | 13.00 | 2.50 | 9.61 | 7.18 |
| Aug. | 155.8 | 683.2 | 839.0 | 15.3 | 730.5 | 745.8 | 119.4 | 65.3 | 1.25 | 14.50 | 3.00 | 13.00 | 7.76 |
| Sept. | 156.8 | 720.0 | 876.8 | 93.5 | 659.3 | 752.8 | 128.9 | 49.6 | 1.00 | 13.90 | 2.00 | 11.15 | 7.50 |
| Oct. | 154.7 | 711.6 | 866.3 | 283.2 | 460.1 | 743.3 | 116.6 | 32.8 | 1.00 | 14.50 | 2.50 | 12.60 | 6.92 |
| Nov. | 203.2 | 728.6 | 931.8 | 460.1 | 361.9 | 822.0 | 121.0 | 27.7 | 2.00 | 14.00 | 3.00 | 11.00 | 7.33 |
| Dec. (b) | 247.0 | 714.0 | 961.0 | 556.0 | 345.8 | 901.8 | 72.5 | 15.7 | 0.10 | 14.75 | 1.50 | 12.50 | 5.84 |
| Jan. | 182.8 | 875.6 | 1,058.4 | 623.7 | 412.0 | 1,035.7 | 46.5 | 13.6 | 1.00 | 14.90 | 3.10 | 13.10 | 6.94 |
| Feb. | 208.0 | 847.5 | 1,055.5 | 551.3 | 482.9 | 1,034.2 | 70.0 | 12.1 | 1.00 | 16.15 | 1.50 | 11.30 | 7.12 |
| Mar. | 121.8 | 832.3 | 954.1 | 388.0 | 506.9 | 894.9 | 85.7 | 10.9 | 1.00 | 17.00 | 3.00 | 13.50 | 7.16 |
| Apr. | 76.7 | 722.9 | 799.6 | 196.8 | 515.1 | 711.9 | 101.6 | 14.0 | 0.50 | 16.85 | 2.00 | 11.50 | 6.96 |
| May | 150.0 | 640.2 | 790.2 | 129.8 | 580.9 | 710.7 | 124.5 | 18.2 | 0.50 | 17.05 | 2.50 | 12.65 | 8.60 |
| June | 144.8 | 701.5 | 846.3 | 54.6 | 774.9 | 829.5 | 129.8 | 21.6 | 3.00 | 15.30 | 5.00 | 13.80 | 9.33 |
| 1977-78 - | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 145.0 | 746.8 | 891.8 | 20.8 | 927.8 | 948.6 | 99.8 | 16.1 | 1.75 | 19.00 | 5.20 | 12.25 | 9.41 |
| Aug. | 178.9 | 773.7 | 952.6 | 10.6 | 935.6 | 946.2 | 136.2 | 18.7 | 2.00 | 18.00 | 4.00 | 13.00 | 9.81 |

(a) To June 1975, weighted average on clients' loans outstanding on each Wednesday of the month. From July 1975, weighted average of rates paid on all days of the four or five weeks ending on the last Wednesday of the month. (b) Excludes one Wednesday.

OFFICIAL RESERVE ASSETS (a)
 (\$ million)

| End of period | Gold | Special Drawing Rights | IMF gold tranches | Foreign exchange | | | Total (b) | |
|---------------|-------|------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------|-------|-----------|---------------------|
| | | | | US\$ | Other | Total | Original | Seasonally adjusted |
| June 1974 | 210 | 150 | 149 | 1,852 | 1,199 | 3,051 | 3,560 | 3,483 |
| June 1975 | 238 | 89 | 156 | 2,252 | 758 | 3,010 | 3,493 | 3,420 |
| June 1976 | 749 | 37 | 155 | 1,457 | 688 | 2,145 | 3,086 | (c) |
| 1976-77 - | | | | | | | | |
| July | 699 | 36 | 154 | 1,570 | 738 | 2,308 | 3,196 | |
| Aug. | 649 | 35 | 154 | 1,423 | 743 | 2,166 | 3,005 | |
| Sept. | 681 | 36 | 156 | 1,450 | 750 | 2,199 | 3,071 | |
| Oct. | 698 | 36 | 157 | 1,182 | 745 | 1,927 | 2,818 | |
| Nov. | 949 | 43 | 189 | 1,267 | 891 | 2,159 | 3,340 | |
| Dec. | 907 | 39 | 179 | 1,580 | 844 | 2,424 | 3,550 | |
| Jan. | 913 | 39 | 177 | 1,844 | 837 | 2,681 | 3,809 | (c) |
| Feb. | 933 | 38 | 176 | 1,850 | 835 | 2,684 | 3,831 | |
| Mar. | 1,009 | 36 | 175 | 1,680 | 831 | 2,511 | 3,731 | |
| Apr. | 1,014 | 36 | 176 | 1,723 | 831 | 2,554 | 3,780 | |
| May | 997 | 27 | 176 | 1,548 | 844 | 2,392 | 3,591 | |
| June | 947 | 27 | 174 | 1,312 | 851 | 2,164 | 3,312 | |
| 1977-78 - | | | | | | | | |
| July | 959 | 27 | 174 | 1,040 | 853 | 1,893 | 3,053 | |
| Aug. | 985 | 25 | 175 | 655 | 861 | 1,517 | 2,701 | |

(a) Up to 30 June 1974, SDR and IMF gold tranches are valued on the basis of Australia's official parity established with the IMF; subsequent figures are based on the IMF basket valuation for the SDR, which is published in terms of U.S. dollars, crossed with the representative rate for the Australian dollar in terms of the U.S. dollar. Gold is valued at the Reserve Bank buying price up to the end of January 1976; from February 1976 to end May 1976 gold is valued at the IMF official price in SDR converted to Australian dollars at the derived SDR/\$A rate; subsequently, the basis of valuation is the average London gold price for the month, converted to Australian dollars at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month. Since June 1973, the foreign currency value of all other overseas assets has been based, where applicable, on market quotations; accrued interest is normally taken into account; figures for earlier periods are on a historical cost basis. Conversion to Australian dollar equivalent is based on market rates of exchange. (b) Changes in the value of holdings of official reserve assets reflect both balance of payments transactions and valuation effects arising from changes in exchange rates. (c) Series to be revised. Figures not yet available.

COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT SHORT-TERM DEBT AND BANK BALANCES
(£ million)

| End of period | Treasury bills | Treasury notes | Bank balances | Total | End of period | Treasury bills | Treasury notes | Bank balances | Total |
|---------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------|---------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------|
| June - | | | | | 1976-77 - | | | | |
| 1973 | .. | 424.7 | 944.4 | -519.7 | Nov. | 2,050.0 | 1,266.8 | 171.3 | 3,145.5 |
| 1974 | .. | 386.9 | 1,424.9 | -1,038.0 | Dec. | 2,100.0 | 2,103.0 | 279.8 | 3,923.2 |
| 1975 | .. | 2,076.0 | 765.0 | 1,311.0 | Jan. | 1,750.0 | 2,679.1 | 113.1 | 4,316.0 |
| | | | | | Feb. | 2,050.0 | 2,811.7 | 52.9 | 4,808.8 |
| 1975-76 - | | | | | Mar. | 2,300.0 | 2,028.9 | 87.4 | 4,241.5 |
| June | 850.0 | 456.3 | 469.4 | 537.1 | Apr. | 1,800.0 | 1,165.8 | 164.9 | 2,800.9 |
| 1976-77 - | | | | | May | 1,200.0 | 707.6 | 187.1 | 1,720.5 |
| Aug. | 1,500.0 | 261.2 | 71.2 | 1,690.0 | June | 1,300.0 | 369.6 | 442.0 | 1,227.6 |
| Sept. | 2,050.0 | 570.2 | 281.7 | 2,338.5 | 1977-78 - | | | | |
| Oct. | 1,850.0 | 1,042.7 | 199.9 | 2,692.8 | July | 1,500.0 | 213.3 | 142.0 | 1,571.3 |
| | | | | | Aug. | 1,700.0 | 294.6 | 112.0 | 1,882.6 |

COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT AND STATE FINANCE (a): CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUNDS

NOTE: This table is based on information published in monthly statements issued by the Commonwealth Treasury and each State Treasury

(£ million)

| Period | N.S.W. (b) | Vic. (c) | Qld | S.A. | W.A. | Tas. | Six States | Commonwealth Government |
|--------------------|------------|----------|---------|---------|---------|-------|------------|-------------------------|
| REVENUE | | | | | | | | |
| 1974-75 | 2,452.1 | 1,752.2 | 1,112.9 | 789.0 | 734.2 | 268.5 | 7,108.9 | 15,399.5 |
| 1975-76 | 2,909.1 | 2,155.8 | 1,349.5 | 1,037.0 | 950.9 | 322.1 | 8,724.4 | 19,712.3 |
| 1976-77 | 3,403.7 | 2,528.9 | 1,610.5 | 1,174.0 | 1,144.5 | 496.6 | 10,258.4 | 21,435.4 |
| 1976-77 - | | | | | | | | |
| July-Apr. | 2,707.2 | 1,959.4 | 1,340.4 | 954.3 | 923.0 | 313.7 | 8,198.0 | 16,167.0 |
| July-May | 3,019.0 | 2,236.9 | 1,473.9 | 1,050.1 | 1,014.7 | 343.2 | 9,137.9 | 18,814.0 |
| July-June | 3,403.7 | 2,528.9 | 1,610.5 | 1,174.0 | 1,144.5 | 396.6 | 10,258.4 | 21,435.4 |
| 1977-78 - | | | | | | | | |
| July | 292.8 | 230.9 | 144.5 | 84.8 | 96.3 | 31.9 | 881.2 | 1,410.9 |
| July-Aug. | 582.3 | 470.0 | 288.6 | 167.7 | 196.8 | 58.7 | 1,764.2 | 2,819.3 |
| EXPENDITURE | | | | | | | | |
| 1974-75 | 2,492.6 | 1,767.3 | 1,121.2 | 780.6 | 743.4 | 282.1 | 7,187.2 | 15,399.5 |
| 1975-76 | 2,910.1 | 2,143.7 | 1,348.8 | 1,034.7 | 950.3 | 317.9 | 8,705.5 | 19,712.3 |
| 1976-77 | 3,404.2 | 2,519.8 | 1,611.6 | 1,183.2 | 1,141.1 | 395.0 | 10,254.9 | 21,435.4 |
| 1976-77 - | | | | | | | | |
| July-Apr. | 2,620.0 | 1,993.5 | 1,281.5 | 920.2 | 890.1 | 320.6 | 8,025.9 | 17,962.4 |
| July-May | 2,973.5 | 2,200.8 | 1,423.6 | 1,023.0 | 990.6 | 358.6 | 8,970.0 | 19,750.6 |
| July-June | 3,404.2 | 2,519.8 | 1,611.6 | 1,183.2 | 1,141.1 | 395.0 | 10,254.9 | 21,435.4 |
| 1977-78 - | | | | | | | | |
| July | 205.9 | 224.9 | 110.7 | 110.1 | 79.9 | 32.3 | 763.9 | 2,059.7 |
| July-Aug. | 581.7 | 466.3 | 250.1 | 221.7 | 184.1 | 76.1 | 1,780.0 | 4,235.3 |

(a) Aggregates for the six States and the Commonwealth Government together, as obtained from particulars in this table, contain duplications due to State payments to the Commonwealth Government in respect of payroll tax before October 1971 and Commonwealth Government payments to the States of grants for specific and general purposes. (b) Figures for New South Wales represent combined transactions of consolidated revenue fund and trading enterprises (Public Transport Commission and Maritime Services Board) included in annual Budget paper. Adjustments have been made to exclude duplications. (c) Figures for Victoria cover the Victorian Consolidated Revenue Fund excluding the Works and Services section.